Reviewer's report

Title: How different is the care of terminal pancreatic cancer patients in inpatient palliative care units and acute hospital wards? A nationwide population-based study

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Major Compulsory Revisions

#1. Although you used palliative care, supportive care and hospice care in introduction, you need to clear description of these terms.

#2. From page 5, line 10 to page 6, line 2 it is unnecessary to write about the history of hospice movement.

#3. In introduction you should write clearly the primary aim of this study.

#4. Are there palliative care team services for patients of acute hospital wards in Taiwan?(from page 14, line 13)

#5. Your explanation about shorter hospital stay in palliative care units was not enough.(from page 17, line 3)

#6. Why you partially explain that to receive bezodiazepine is to control pain adequately?

Minor Essential Revisions

#1. In page 4, line 3, more pain control is an inadequate expression.

#2. Although you used "inpatient palliative care" and "inpatient palliative care units", you should unification of terminology#

#3. Although you used "acute hospital care" and "acute hospital care wards", you should unification of terminology#

#4. In discussion it is better to write the part of strength in front of limitations.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.