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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The manuscript is fine

Minor Essential Revisions

The author can be trusted to make these. For example, missing labels on figures, the wrong use of a term, spelling mistakes.

There remains one very minor point, which I ask the authors to address.

Patients were identified from the 'Registry for Catastrophic Illness Patient database, which is a separate subsection of the NHI database'. While I appreciate that it is likely that most patients would sign up for this, as it reduces care costs, can the authors confirm that this is so?

This is still not clear in the manuscript. Can the authors address this? I do not need to see the manuscript again,

Statistical analysis is fine.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'