Reviewer’s report

Title: Developing research priorities for palliative care of people with intellectual disabilities in Europe: a consultation process using nominal group technique

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This study, employing a traditional method, is a novel approach to establish research priorities for palliative care of people with intellectual disability. However, I have found a potential problem in this article.

My major comments are as follows.

Although they had 16 participants in total for a two-day workshop, the number decreased to 12 for the nominal group technique of the second day. It is assumed that the order of research priority varies depending on who participates and how many they are, but the authors didn't make it clear about it in this study. I believe the authors should clearly explain about how they interpret the numbers and the profiles of research participants. I am afraid it might make the limitation of this study.

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