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Dear Editorial Board members of BMC Palliative Care,

We appreciate your tentative acceptance of our manuscript entitled “Engaging Patients and Families to Create a Feasible Clinical Trial Integrating Palliative and Heart Failure Care: Results of the ENABLE CHF-PC Pilot Clinical Trial” for BMC Palliative Care. We have addressed the final requested changes:

1. Ethics and consent to participate

Please include a statement on consent, specifying whether consent was written or verbal.

RESPONSE: We have added the following sentence to the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section in the Declarations: “All patients and family caregivers provided written informed consent.”

2. Trial registration

Please add the trial registration date next to the trial registration number in the last line of the abstract (manuscript and submission system).

If your trial was registered retrospectively, please state so in the last line of the abstract. A trial is defined to be retrospectively registered if the registration is made after the first participant is recruited.

RESPONSE: added “retrospectively reviewed” and date to abstract

3. Tracked changes

Please upload a single final, clean version of the manuscript with tracked changes switched off (and please ignore any automated requests to show tracked changes).

RESPONSE: Done and uploaded 6/30/2017
Sincerely,

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