Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Roger Manktelow

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This is a well written manuscript and ready for publication once the following issues have been addressed:

1. Minor typos: line 238 page 10

2. I am unsure of the value of the Intensity Effect section - not convinced of the use of measurement to assess qualitative research

3. Please include percentages for sample characteristics as well as frequencies. Also please include duration of caring. As regards the thematic analysis, the first mention of spirituality is in the final concluding paragraph. To me, given the topic of 'end of life caring', this approach is too secular and some explicit analysis of spirituality, beliefs and practice, is required. This could be achieved by elaboration of the 'serenity' theme.

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