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Title: Rehabilitation for Cancer Patients at Black Lion Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; a Cross-sectional Study

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This is a study which looked at the utilization of rehabilitation services among cancer patients in one institution using a cross-sectional survey. It is an important initial step to help us better understand the role that rehabilitation services play in cancer care at the hospital. I commend the authors for their work. I have a some comments.

1. There were some grammatical errors that need to be corrected. The authors may need to solicit help from other professionals to help rectify those errors and improve the manuscript

2. The conclusion may be a bit too long and need to be abbreviated to better highlight the most important findings of the study

3. In the conclusion section of the abstract, "So that increase the knowledge of the professionals and comprehensive programs are needed" may need to read something like, "This suggests that efforts to increase the knowledge and awareness among healthcare professionals and to create more programs are needed"

4. I noticed a pattern whereby the authors would make statements such as "Among the respondents who have got information about cancer...(page 6, line 32), "Among the diagnosis of cancer the majority of clients comes to the cancer center with diagnosis of breast cancer...(page 6, line 47). These may sound quite redundant and do not help with the flow of the article. It will be helpful if they can delete or edit some of them in order not to make them sound less repetitive. For e.g. instead of saying "Among the diagnosis of cancer the majority of clients comes to the cancer center with diagnosis of breast cancer..., they can simply state.." The most common cancer diagnosis seen at the center was breast cancer...", or instead of saying "Among the respondents who have got information about cancer..." they can just state " Of these..."
5. Page 5, line 38.. they may need to delete the following sentence since it had already been mentioned at line 17 in the manuscript, "The original English version of the questionnaire was translated into Amharic and back translated to English by experienced professionals."

6. page 3, line 54."This number of patients increased to 20140 in 2014..." this may be an error. Please verify

7. I will suggest that the authors be consistent with either putting all percentages in parenthesis, e.g. 266/388 (68%) or fractions in parenthesis e.g. 68% (266/388)

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