Reviewer’s report

Title: End of life care preferences among people of advanced age: LilACS NZ

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I have now read the revised manuscript "End of life care preferences amongst Māori and non-Māori people of advanced age: LilACS NZ" (PCAR-D-16-00150_R1). My original points have been addressed in a satisfactory way, and the manuscript as a whole has improved. There are, however, still a few "typos"/discrepancies that need to be addressed. That said, I'm now even more convinced that this article should be considered for publication in BMC Palliative Care, if the following issues are addressed:

* Page 8, 2nd paragraph: It is stated that "...there were no significant differences (p > .05)...". First, the use of the sign greater than (>) in the parenthesis instead of less than (<) might be a bit confusing for the reader. Second, the p-values for gender are "0.004" and for marital status "0.012". If these are correct the findings are significant.

* Page 8, 4th paragraph, line 41/42: Regarding Māori that lived alone the value "10.8%" is stated in the parenthesis, but in Table 1 the value is 36.7% for Māori living alone. On the same line, regarding home as a private dwelling the value in the text is "36.7%" and in Table 1: 76.9%.

* Page 8, last paragraph, line 48/49: It is stated that "Non-Māori participants were also predominantly female (49.5%)...". But according to Table 1 it was predominantly males by 50.5%.

* Table 5: Some asterisks for p-value seem to be missing, in "c. To feel my life is complete" (asterisk is missing) and "h. To be involved in decisions about my care" (shouldn't it be two asterisks?).

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