**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Is care staff equipped for end-of-life communication? A cross-sectional study in long-term care facilities to identify determinants of self-efficacy

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**Reviewer:** Lynn McCleary

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I appreciate the revisions that were made. The authors had a native English speaker review the manuscript. I still find the description of participants confusing and think it makes sense to combine the section called participants and the paragraph However, there are still some instances of grammatical problems or lack of clarity and I advise a careful proof-reading. These are some of the problems but probably not all of them:

There is unusual use of brackets (determinants of ) self-efficacy two places in the manuscript

There is inconsistency plural/singular in reference to staff and it would be a good idea to double check when "staff" is being used collectively

The term "followed a palliative care training" is unusual and I think should be "completed palliative care training"

Reporting SD when reporting mean

Inconsistent citation format

Page 3, line 49 "it concerns"

Page 3, line 63 "two-fifths"

Page 3, line 74, awkward sentence

Page 4, line 76 "… are, therefore, in a …"
Page 4, line 78 "… had been demonstrated to …"

Page 6, last paragraph belongs with participants section

Page 6, line 137 to 138 sentence is confusing

Page 6, line 146 "concerned" doesn't make sense to me in this context

Page 8, line 204 "except" instead of "but"

Consider using the word control or controlling when referring to statistical control, rather than correction

Page 9, line 215 remove "only"

Page 9, line 229 typo

Page 9, Lin 232 "on" is incorrect

Page 9, line 234 change and to or

Page 10, line 242 typo

Page 10, line 248, "reported to have insufficient time" is incorrect
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