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Dear Dr. Stephen Madamba

Thank you for inviting us to submit a revised draft of our manuscript entitled, “Trends in descriptions of palliative care in the cancer clinical practice guidelines before and after enactment of the Cancer Control Act (2007): Content analysis” to Journal of BMC Palliative Care. We have incorporated changes that reflect the detailed suggestions you have graciously provided.

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Thank you for your advice. We added to "Consent for publication" section in the Declarations.

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Please then change the Ethics approval heading to “Ethics approval and consent to participate”.

Response 2.

Thank you for your advice. We changed “Ethics approval and consent to participate”.

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We notice there are two “Competing interests” sections in the Declarations. Please remove one of these sections.

Response 3.

We apologize for these inconsistencies. This has been corrected in the revised manuscript.

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Response 4.

Thank you for your advice. We added to a List of abbreviations.

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Response 5.

Thank you for your comment. We changed the place of Declarations section before the list of References.

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Response 6.

We apologize for these inconsistencies. We changed this inconsistency.

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Response 7.

Thank you for your comment. We checked carefully about our manuscript again.

Again, thank you for giving us the opportunity to strengthen our manuscript with your valuable comments and queries.

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