Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor

We thank you for your reply. We have carried out all the revisions the editor and the reviewers have suggested. Please find our point-by-point responses to the reviewers’ comments below. In the revised manuscript changes are not highlighted or “track changed”.

We hope these changes fulfil the requirements to make the manuscript acceptable for publication in BMC Palliative Care.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Reviewer reports:

Sophie Pautex (Reviewer 1): The authors answered to the questions of the reviewers and adapted their text.
Joannes Jozef Menten, PhD MD (Reviewer 2):

P1 rule 41-43: ... safe which positively influenced the level of anxiety, brought confidence in self-management abilities and subsequent quality of life. → anxiety is not measured in this study, therefore skip the word anxiety like you already did in the conclusion → QoL is not measured, Also to skip QoL because it is correctly not mentioned in the discussion.

Authors reply: We have skipped the words anxiety and QoL as the reviewer suggests.

Reviewer 2: P 6 rule 35: ….debate about the approprianess…. → …. appropriateness….

Authors reply: The spelling error has been corrected.

Reviewer 2: P 14 rule 42 …. being safe is associated with the level of anxiety → being safe is associated with a low level of anxiety…

Authors reply: The sentence has been changed as suggested by the reviewer.