Reviewer's report

Title: Assigned nurses and a professional relationship: a qualitative study of COPD patients' perspective on a new palliative outpatient structure named CAPTAIN.

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This qualitative study concerns the perspective of COPD patients on a new model of a palliative care consultation.

The model intersecting however there some important methodological issues

Introduction

The part on the needs of the COPD patients is very well developed, however the motivation and the details of this new organization is missing. Furthermore the specificity of palliative care is not described. What is the difference with a coordination nurse with no skills in palliative care?

Methods

Ten patients of 600 are interviewed. We don't know how these patients have been selected and how there are representative from the other patients

Discussion:

As stated in the introduction, the specificity of palliative care is not enough highlighted.

Ccl:

The anxiety hasn't really be assessed the patient
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