Reviewer’s report

Title: Multiple and Multi-dimensional life transitions in the context of life-limiting health conditions: Longitudinal study focussing on perspectives of Young Adults, Families and Professionals

Version: 0 Date: 02 Dec 2018

Reviewer: Julia Downing

Reviewer’s report:

This is an interesting and important piece of work which I enjoyed reading. It is well written but needs a few minor amendments:

1). In the abstract you talk about the interviews being in 21 family members and 11 professionals, but in the text it is 21 in total i.e. 10 family members and 11 professionals - so this needs to be amended in the abstract.

2) The section on the literature review - has this been published anywhere that you can refer to - It needs to be clear that you are summarising a systematic review and not reporting on it as when I began reading it I was looking for more information re the systematic review, how you had done it etc. as it was not clear.

3) Page 18 line 34 should say her instead of here

4) Page 30 line 5 - remove the word the so it reads It is important that all professionals...

5) You need to put the references in the appropriate format for the journal - the guidelines say:"All references, including URLs, must be numbered consecutively, in square brackets, in the order in which they are cited in the text, followed by any in tables or legends. The reference numbers must be finalized and the reference list fully formatted before submission."

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
If not, please specify which controls are required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?
If not, please explain in your comments to the authors.
Yes

Are you able to assess any statistics in the manuscript or would you recommend an additional statistical review?
If an additional statistical review is recommended, please specify what aspects require further assessment in your comments to the editors.

Not relevant to this manuscript

Quality of written English
Please indicate the quality of language in the manuscript:

Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests
Please complete a declaration of competing interests, considering the following questions:

1. Have you in the past five years received reimbursements, fees, funding, or salary from an organisation that may in any way gain or lose financially from the publication of this manuscript, either now or in the future?

2. Do you hold any stocks or shares in an organisation that may in any way gain or lose financially from the publication of this manuscript, either now or in the future?

3. Do you hold or are you currently applying for any patents relating to the content of the manuscript?

4. Have you received reimbursements, fees, funding, or salary from an organization that holds or has applied for patents relating to the content of the manuscript?

5. Do you have any other financial competing interests?

6. Do you have any non-financial competing interests in relation to this paper?

If you can answer no to all of the above, write 'I declare that I have no competing interests' below. If your reply is yes to any, please give details below.

I declare that I have no competing interests

I agree to the open peer review policy of the journal. I understand that my name will be included on my report to the authors and, if the manuscript is accepted for publication, my named report including any attachments I upload will be posted on the website along with the authors' responses. I agree for my report to be made available under an Open Access Creative Commons CC-BY license (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). I understand that any comments which I do not wish to be included in my named report can be included as confidential comments to the editors, which will not be published.
I agree to the open peer review policy of the journal