**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Palliative care for people with substance use disorder and multiple problems: A qualitative study on experiences of patients and proxies

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**Reviewer:** Kathleen Broglio

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This is an important area of research. While I am not experienced in the evaluation of qualitative studies, I would have appreciated the following:

1) in abstract state it was a study of individuals with SUD and COPD (n=) and Liver disease (n=) and their proxies (n=) who resided in a (name residence) -- this would allow the reader to know upfront if this manuscript had any relevance to their work.

2) insert a Table 1 (age, gender, diagnosis, marital status, etc)

3) expand on strengths/weaknesses - for example when discussed in results there was 'closed communication' - how was that determined - was there consideration to challenges with communication due to physiologic issues aside from SUD (such as dyspnea on exertion, pain, etc).

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No

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