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I think the authors did a superb job in explaining their methodology, limitations, and analysis. This is one of the few publications to investigate the problems and needs of patients with a substance use disorder as they approach the end of their lives. As a qualitative study it allows other studies to further investigate the themes that emerged in this population and can signal to providers what is most important in this often neglected population.

No need for a control group given the methodology of the study.

No need for revision of this manuscript - it is well written, clear, and the methodology seems sound. I think it would be appropriate to publish as is.

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