Reviewer’s report

Title: Table in the corner: A qualitative study of life situation and perspectives of the everyday lives of oesophageal cancer patients in palliative care

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Reviewer: Pablo Hernández-Marrero

Reviewer’s report:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to re-review this manuscript. The authors did a good work improving their manuscript by taking actions on the comments of the two reviewers. Nevertheless, there are still some minor issues and editing that are needed before acceptance for publication. Please, find my suggestions below.

Page 6, line 5-17

Thank you very much for complementing this section with relevant information. While it is clear now that participants were approached by the first author and that none of the interviewers participated in the daily care of the included patients, it should be made clear that none of the researchers was involved in the care provided to potential participants at the time of recruitment.

Page 6, lines 15-17

Thank you for providing additional information. please, elaborate more on the timeframe. From 1-23 months after diagnosis is a quite long period of time.

Page 7, lines 8-9

While I understand that participating in an interview provided the opportunity for patients to ask questions about their condition and care, how could you answer these questions if you were not involved in the process of care provided to the participant patients?

Also, did any incident occur during interviews? For instance, emotional distress? Did you have any protocol put into place to address these situations? Please, provide this information.

Page 11, line 6

It is not clear to me what you mean. Please, clarify this sentence.
The authors consider the timespan of 1-23 months as a limitation. While I strongly agree that this timespan needs further information and justification, it is not clear to me why this is a limitation. Please, see comment above on this issue and elaborate on this accordingly.

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