Reviewer’s report

Title: Music in palliative care: a qualitative study with patients suffering from cancer

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Reviewer: Isaac Chua

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1) The manuscript has improved significantly since the original version that was submitted. It is clearer to read and much easier to follow.

2) However, the discussion section still fails to distinguish its results from earlier studies about music therapy in the palliative care setting. It also fails to tie together the different themes that were identified in any meaningful or insightful way. Simply adding a comment in the conclusion to underline the main finding of this study that music therapy is a "living art form that humanizes care" does not suffice.

3) I would recommend that you re-analyze your data and really think through what makes your findings unique.

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