Reviewer’s report

Title: The Exploration of the Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice Behaviors of Advanced Care Planning and Its Related Predictors among Taiwanese Nurses

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STATISTICAL REVIEWER ASSESSMENT:

Is the study design appropriate for the research question (considering whether the analyzed population accurately reflects the design and whether you see any problems with control/comparison groups, e.g., likely confounders)?
Yes - overall design, population, and control groups are appropriate

Are methodologies adequate and well implemented (considering whether assumptions are addressed and whether analyses are robust)?
Yes - methodologies are adequate and well implemented, assumptions are addressed, analysis is robust

Are the analyses adequately communicated (considering whether reporting details are adequate and whether figures and tables are well labeled and described)?
Yes - important reporting details are present, analyses are adequately communicated, figures and tables are well labeled and described

Does the interpretation accurately reflect the analyses without overstatement (considering whether limitations/bias are acknowledged and whether accurate descriptors, e.g., 'significant', are used)?
Yes - interpretation accurately reflects analyses, limitations/bias are acknowledged, accurate descriptors are used

Could an appropriately REVISED version of this work represent a statistically sound contribution?
Yes - current version has sound statistics

STATISTICAL REVIEWER COMMENTS:

This study has been reviewed by three reviewers, including myself and all of their comments have been replied to and appropriate changes made in the text and additional text added where appropriate

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
There are no more revisions required except two minor points - the first one refers to a typo - page 3 - Implication of Hospice Care and ACP (IHAC)
A 6-item measure describing implication of hospice care and ACP used was primarily adapted from a 7-item measure at Zhou's study (21). - spelling of measure. The second is that Zhou's study is referred to frequently and so a single sentence summarising the study and why it was used for this study would be helpful to the reader at an appropriate point in the text.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
Only as detailed above which could be checked by the editor in relation to the explanatory sentence about Zhou.

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?
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Yes

Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?
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Yes

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