**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** An examination of home-based end-of-life care for cancer patients: A qualitative study

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Please overwrite this text when adding your comments to the authors. The authors describe results from a qualitative study on the experiences of HCP of patients at the end-of-life stage at home. The aim of the study was to explore how home-based end-of-life care is being delivered in community health care centers in Shanghai and to identify factors associated with its delivery.

Data were collected through interviews and analyzed through qualitative content analysis.

This is an interesting study of qualitative end-of-life research in Asian. However, I have some concerns:

1. The title is about experiences in caring for cancer patients at the end of life stage at home. It is not mentioned yet in the title who is the subjects (HCP or Family caregiver) on caring for the patient at home. The authors need to add 'HCP' in the title.

With the title "The experience of caring for cancer patients at the end-of-life stage at home: A qualitative study". It seems that the aim of study will be focusing on how the HCP explore their experiences during they addressed caring for the patient. But the aim of study in this manuscripts was to explore how home-based end-of-life care is being delivered in community health care centers.

When the aim is to explore how the caring was delivered, in my opinion, its meant not talking about the HCP experiences but more focus on monitoring and evaluation the program of caring (in this case was end of life care). It is different between experience of the HCP and exploring how the caring being delivered.

When we look at the interview guideline, it is more focus on exploring how the caring was delivered. Therefore, It should be clear. The authors need to re thinking about the better title.
2. In the methodology, it is unclear about:
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