Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Daisy Ermers

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I would like to thank the authors for incorporating our feedback. The clarifications were sufficient and the necessary adjustments were made. I only have a few minor comments left, those are as follows:

1. Page 5, line 1-2 and 13-14 contain the same information. I would recommend the authors to add the following section (or some kind) after line 1 the other three authors. The codes were then discussed and the first author coded the data a second time, and all the authors reviewed and discussed the codes again, this process was continued till the final codes and themes were confirmed. And then remove this section under the paragraph 'rigor' (line 13-14).

2. Typographical errors:
   o Page 4 line 18 the interviewer was an academic staff member with a doctoral degree and who had 5-year experience.
   o Page 4 line 23 Field notes were made during this interview, and
   o Page 5 line 42 the patient had to be in a stable condition
   o Page 13 line 13 the informants found that they were still not suitable for the local patients in the this/our study.

3. Difficult/incorrect sentences:
   o Page 4 line 19-22. I think it would be clearer if the authors wrote: "The informants were interviewed individually in a quiet room in the community health care centers, except for the interviews were the interview was conducted with two informants. Non-participants were not present during the interviews …
   o Page 5 line 12-13. Third, all the members of the research team were involved.
Page 7 line 8-9, In some centers the informants also suggested to the family members to transfer the patients to the hospice wards for the same reason.

Page 7 line 12 did not want the patients to die at home.

Page 7 line 22 social workers, volunteers, or psychologists, were seldomly involved.

Page 7 line 37-38 Only in one center would a social workers would follow

Page 11 line 5 establish a strong rapport

Page 13 line 8 Further, it is further impossible

4. Small details:

Page 2 line 39, seventeen out of 19. The introduction only contains percentages except for this outcome. Could the authors be so kind to change this.

Page 6 line 12-13, I think the quote belongs to the sentence In only once centre … for the service, therefore the quote should be placed before the last sentence of this paragraph.

Page 7 line 23-25 I don't understand had the certificate in end-of-life care in the study centers no matter which department they came from.

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