**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Nursing home staff’s perspective on end-of-life care of German nursing home residents: A cross-sectional survey

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**Reviewer:** Frank Brennan

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Dear Authors,

This an interesting article. The topic of the role of palliative care in nursing homes is a very important one.

I will recommend the article for publication with the following suggestions to you:

1. Abstract. In the section "Background" in the 2nd last and last sentences you use the expression "status quo".

   A better expression might be "the current situation".

2. Abstract. Under the heading "Results" first sentence you say that 64.4 % rated end of life care as "rather good". There were 2 choices given to the respondents rather good and rather bad. So truthfully you should say "64.4 % of the respondents rated end-of-life care rather good and the remainder rated it as rather bad."

3. Abstract. Under "Results" second line you state "death was estimated at" you could state "was estimated by the respondents at..."

4. Abstract. under heading "Results" 4th line rather than "holding" replace with "held".
5. Page 3, line 18. Rather than "be quite present" could simply state "be present".

6. Page 8. Under the heading "Advance directives..." in the first line you state: "Respondents approximated that 49.5%..."

This could be better expressed as "The respondents stated that, in their estimation, approximately 49.5% (SD: 21.6) of the residents had an AD."

7. Page 8 last paragraph you discuss the SAPV. Is it possible to describe what this is - what does this program do?

8. Page 14. Line 4. Rather than "the highest amounts" should be "the highest amount..."

Finally, you could state that a further study would look at the actual rather than the perceived events. This study examines the perceptions of the respondents.

Also it would good for the authors to make reference to good models of Palliative Care in Nursing Homes that exist already around the world. If there are very few, you could say "There are very few examples in the literature of models of Palliative care in Nursing Homes."

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