Reviewer’s report

Title: Determining the prevalence of palliative needs and exploring screening accuracy of depression and anxiety items of the Integrated Palliative care Outcome Scale – a multi-centre study

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Thanks to the authors for submitting addressing my prior comments. Some further minor revisions are required:

* The authors should state that no sample size calculation was completed, and indicate in text, as per their response to reviewer 1, that this study "used several independent data sets combined, so the methodology was a secondary analysis of those data sets."

* Rather than using the HADS to describe the "prevalence of anxiety and depression" the wording should be softened to "likely prevalence of anxiety and depression" throughout the manuscript.

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