Reviewer’s report

Title: A sense of security in palliative homecare in a Norwegian municipality; dyadic comparisons of the perceptions of patients and relatives. A quantitative study

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Reviewer: Christoph Ostgathe

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Thank you very much for the possibility to review the above named manuscript. The issue addressed by the authors is highly relevant for palliative care and the paper is well written. However I have major concerns, that may hamper a publication. The main drawback - from my perspective - is that the authors used a modified version of the QPP Instrument (Quality from the Patient’s Perspective) with some items taken out and some added on Contextual issues. In the paper there is however no information on the psychometric properties of this modified instrument. Hence it is unclear how valid and reliable the findings are. I propose that before publication the authors add this essential information.

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