Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Nobuhisa Nakajima

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this paper on the title "Current status of integrating oncology and palliative care in Japan: A nationwide survey". The theme of this paper is informative. I have several minor comments; as follows.

(1) Background:
I think that both "early integration of PC" and "early and continuous delivery --- from the time point of cancer diagnosis" are important. Please add the explanation in detail about the differences between them.

(2) Background and methods:
P4.113 ; DCH >>> government-designated cancer hospitals (DCHs)
P5.111-12; government-designated cancer hospitals (DCHs) >>>DCH

(3) Discussions:
"Further efforts to develop education and research infrastructures are valuable"
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