Reviewer’s report

Title: Unmet needs of patients with cancer in their last year of life as described by caregivers in a developing world setting: A qualitative study

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OBJECTIVE - Full research articles: is there a clear objective that addresses one or several testable research questions? (Brief or other article types: is there a clear objective?)

Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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N/A - there are no statistics in this study

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? If not, can further revisions be made to make the work technically sound?
Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: This paper is much improved following the authors response to the previous reviewer comments. However there remain a few minor issues that require attention:

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

1. Where the document refers to 'appendices' these would be better presented if referred to as tables and included within the body of the text for ease of read. 2. The authors use the term 'data saturation' in the methods, this should include a brief explanation of what is meant by this and a reference. 3. Quotes are used to illustrate participant comments alongside the theme and sub theme headings. These quotes need to have a participant code by each. 4. One of the limitations that should be noted is that only one participant was recruited from Tobago. 5. Lastly, when the authors are describing what a participant stated they have included a lot of identifiable information, e.g. (page 12) 'the daughter of a 54-year old with lung cancer'...did participants consent to the inclusion of this degree of personal information?

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

No revisions beyond those stated above.

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Yes

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