Reviewer’s report

Title: The effects of add-on self-care education on quality of life and fatigue in gastrointestinal cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy

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Reviewer: Amal Akour

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This is really interesting paper about the effect of add-on self-care therapy on the quality of life of patients with GI cancer. I have the following minor comments.

In the title: Please modify as (The effect of add-on self care therapy ....etc)

In the "Methods" section of the abstract: start your sentence with Ninety one (never start a sentence with a number)

Page 3:

Line 8: which represent instead of consist

Line 15: remove the word claims

Line 17: use the word strongly instead of intimately

Line 30: use suffer instead of suffered

Page 4:

Line 12: experimented instead of trialed

Line 17: Among them, (just add coma)

Page 5:

Line 8-9: Add a dot after the word (post intervention.) then add a separate paragraph about sample size calculation. Please indicate why did you use 0.5 as the effect size, and what was the dropout percent that was considered for sample size calculations?

Line 14: use the word assigned instead of designated
Line 51: why did you repeat sample size calculations??

In the discussion section: Add strengths and limitations of your study, namely, please elaborate on the potential confounders that were not accounted for in your paper and how could you overcome this limitation or how are you going to account them during future studies.

Table 1 : Add the unit for BMI (kg/m2)

Allover the manuscript: Please be consistent with the use of present and past tense, passive or active tense.

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