Reviewer's report

Title: This Moral Coil: A Cross-Sectional Survey of Canadian Medical Student Attitudes toward Medical Assistance in Dying

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The manuscript which aimed to assess medical students' views on MAID in a Canadian medical school after the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the ban on MAID may attract interest of some medical students and Canadian medical school educators.

In addition to limitations for cross-sectional surveys, the study presents a superficial look for the views of medical students in a single undergraduate medical program. When evaluated as a whole, some interesting conclusions can be made such as supportive attitudes of students the practice of MAID and high impact of the concerns about patient autonomy.

The background is very well written. However, the reliability and validity of the data through questionnaire is doubtful. In addition the manuscript looks like as if raw data was presented. I think the authors should review and summarize methods, results and discussion sections and rewrite the manuscript emphasising important findings.

Consequently although superficially, the manuscript states some facts that may be useful for the readers of interest. However, there is still a space for the improvement to underline the findings which led me to propose that the manuscript may be published as a brief report rather than as a research paper.

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