Reviewer’s report

Title: The Rocks and Hard Places of MAiD: A qualitative study of nursing practice in the context of legislated assisted death

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The introduction of MAiD represents a significant step in health care and change in clinical practice. The authors have explored an important dimension, the impact on nurse clinicians, and their perspectives on the introduction of MAiD. While this details of MAiD are specific to the Canadian context the issues have broader implications and relevance. The authors have provided a robust qualitative investigation, and present a well considered and theoretically framed approach. the findings are of interest in highlighting the professional, moral and personal tensions resulting from the introduction of MAiD and the influence of organisational responses/policies. I believe this is a unique and important contribution to the literature by attempting to explore the complexities for clinicians. The themes are informative and well described with effective use of quotations and source data.

One point of interest that could be clarified further is the the majority of participants were from British Columbia (21/32). The authors indicate the differences in implementation across different provinces. It would be helpful to consider the limitations this might have presented in broader implications/interpretation of data ie the predominance of participants from one province.

the discussion is interesting and thoughtful, drawing on the relevant legal frameworks. The paper would be strengthened by more detailed discussion of clinical implications of the findings for addressing the needs of clinicians in the face of introduction of MAiD or MAiD-like initiatives internationally.

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