Reviewer’s report

Title: Patient Reported Outcome Measures for measuring dignity in palliative and end of life care: A scoping review

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Reviewer: Anne Wilkinson

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A well presented, rigorous scoping review of dignity measures. Writing style and methods are appropriate and succinctly presented. Overall an excellent review and thoughtful discussion of the identified instruments. There are two issues I have: one, somewhat minor, is that the citations in the text were a mixture of names/publication dates and numbers. Moreover, the numbers did not correspond to the reference list, making it hard to link stated descriptions of previous reviews and the references cited. This should be corrected. In addition, I felt there needed to be a bit more discussion of the statement that "dignity has been recognised as a potential indicator of quality of life.,[60] (p.18). This statement has only one citation and since the references do not coincide with the references list, it is not clear who the authors are citing. It could be one of the authors of a dignity instrument, thus making the statement a bit self-referencing. I think there is a larger discussion to be had about the strength and evidence for such a direct linkage between dignity and some aspects of quality of life and it might have been useful to have a few more lines discussing this issue.

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