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Title: Specialist palliative care support is associated with improved pain relief at home during the last 3 months of life in patients with advanced disease: analysis of 5-year data from the national survey of bereaved people (VOICES)

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Reviewer #4: Thank you for making the changes suggested. A few things:

Abstract. Results. Final sentence not relevant, it describes an analysis that is nothing to do with your aim, is therefore confusing, and does not contain any statistics to allow the reader to understand significance of statement. Suggest remove.

Response: First of all, thank you for your comments and suggestions that allowed us to greatly improve the quality of the manuscript. We have removed this sentence. But have added some percentages to the results section regarding the 3 service characteristics (results section, page 8, lines 193-195).

Methods page 6 line 126. Does not make sense grammatically.

Response: We have now rewritten it (methods, page 6, lines 126-128)

Page 6 line 139 - the sentence does not finish.

Response: We thank the reviewer for pointing it to us. This part was removed by mistake from the last version of the manuscript. We have now added it again ((methods, page 6, line 139))
Fig 2 is very confusing - needs a clearer legend

Response: This legend has been amended to improve clarity (Figures legends, page 20, line 361)