Reviewer’s report

Title: Implementation of improvement strategies in palliative care: an integrative review

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript, which provides a much needed overview of implementation strategies that have been used to improve the organisation of palliative care.

Discretionary revisions
1. Coding and compilation of data from the subgroup classification into a matrix of effects, includes experimental and quasi-experimental studies only. This has been specified by the authors in the results section; could this information be moved further up into the Methods section, to facilitate reading of results?

2. A stated strength of the study is the implementation of its results in the development of the IMPACT project. Are there any publications detailing the work described in this paragraph, if so, can they be referenced here?

Minor Essential Revisions:
3. The manuscript needs to be proofread (see for example penultimate sentence page 13) and edited for idiomatic errors (see for example line 13, page 13).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests