Response to reviewers

Reviewer 1

This is an interesting study about the spiritual care for the advanced cancer patients. As the there is a lack of systematic spiritual care plans for advanced cancer patients, this study will give the clinicians a new sight about the mental care for the advanced cancer patients. Thank you very much.

Author response: Thank you for your recognition of this study.

Reviewers 2

Spiritual care is a complex and multidimensional concept with different definitions. It refers to patients seeking the meaning of life; gaining peace and comfort; obtaining emotional support from family members, etc. Patients with advanced cancer generally have a low quality of life. Their psychological, physical, social, familial, and other aspects of their lives are all negatively affected in varying degrees. Intervention measures are embodied in several aspects such as peaceful, holistic, special, hospice, and overall nursing care. There is a lack of systematic guidance plans on the specific clinical application of spiritual care for them, which greatly reduces the effectiveness of care. This study constructs a spiritual care plan for advanced cancer patients. This care plan may achieve good results when applied to advanced cancer patients. Overall, the study is very well designed, and the manuscript is well written. The methods are described in detail. Results are very interesting and well discussed with updated references. The reviewer suggests to accept the manuscript for publication after a minor editing.

Author response: Thank you for your praise and recognition

Science Editor; Peer Reviewer; Company Editor-in-chief

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Psychiatry, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Author response: Thank you for your recognition

Science Editor

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a case control study of the impact of spiritual care on the spiritual and mental health and quality of life of patients with advanced cancer. The topic is within the scope of the WJP. (1) Classification: Two Grades B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: This study constructs a spiritual care plan for advanced cancer patients. This care plan may achieve good results when applied to advanced cancer patients. Overall, the study is very well designed, and the manuscript is well written. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; (3) Format: There are 8 tables; (4) References: A total of 33 references are cited, including no references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There is no self-cited reference; and (6) References recommendations: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially references published by the peer reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves), please send the peer reviewer's ID number to editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Two Grades B. A language editing certificate issued by Editage was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, the Institutional Review Board Approval

Form, and the written informed consent. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJP.

5 Issues raised:

(1) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout.

Author response: PMID and DOI have provided.

(2) The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text.

Author response: "Article Highlights " added

6 Re-Review: Not required.

7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Author response: Thank you for your recognition