

Author's Response to Reviewer/Editor Critique

Thank you for all the suggestions and comments. The review has definitely improved our manuscript a lot.

We have tried to put our best efforts to incorporate all the suggestions and comments.

Reviewer Number	Original comments of the reviewer	Reply by the author(s)	Changes done on page number and line number
1.	<p>Expand the title to include the research methodology used in the study - Situate the palliative care approach within the context of extant medical intensive care knowledge. Discuss the international relevance of the concepts and describe thoroughly the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.</p> <p>More actual evidence-based references should be provided:</p> <p>Hamdan Alshehri, H., Olausson, S., Öhlén, J. et al. Factors influencing the integration of a palliative approach in intensive care units: a systematic mixed-methods review. BMC Palliat Care 19, 113 (2020). https://doi.org/10.1186/s12904-020-00616-y</p>	<p>Thank you for the comments. The title has been edited. It has immensely helped us to improve the manuscript. Evidence based references have been added as suggested and total references has been increased. The ordering has also been changed. A detailed search strategy has been added. This is a narrative review so we have modified and added etails accordingly.</p>	<p>Page 2 Line number 47-49</p> <p>Page 5 Line number 75-88</p> <p>Page 6 Line number 89-94, 99-103, 106-108</p> <p>Page 7 Line number 115-118, 120-121</p> <p>Page 8 line number 135-136</p>

Metaxa, V., Anagnostou, D., Vlachos, S. et al. Palliative care interventions in intensive care unit patients – a systematic review protocol. Syst Rev 8, 148 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13643-019-1064-y>

Adler, K., Schlieper, D., Kindgen-Milles, D., Meier, S., Schwartz, J., van Caster, P., Schaefer, M. S., & Neukirchen, M. (2017). Integration der Palliativmedizin in die Intensivmedizin : Systematische Übersichtsarbeit [Integration of palliative care into intensive care : Systematic review]. Der Anaesthesist, 66(9), 660–666. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00101-017-0326-0>

Mercadante, S., Gregoretti, C. & Cortegiani, A. Palliative care in intensive care units: why, where, what, who, when, how. BMC Anesthesiol 18, 106 (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12871-018-0574-9> -

Given the approach to a narrative/integrative review it seems to me important to provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions,

	<p>comparisons, outcomes (PICO acronym). - Identify the data bases searched, with inclusive dates of the literature searched for each database and keywords used. Do not include when the literature actually was searched. - Discuss retrieval of references and handling, including inclusion and exclusion criteria (i.e., how the analysis was conducted, including judgment of quality of papers included in the literature review). I suggest a better explanation of the criteria for inclusion/exclusion (e.g. PICO method) used in the selection of the studies analyzed. Regarding the high number of initial referrals, it would be important to define whether this sample resulted in a basic research/ individual from each descriptor or is an advanced search and resulted therefore the intersection of different descriptors (e.g. Boolean method). Present full electronic search strategy, such that it could be repeated. Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow PRISMA</p>		
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	<p>diagram. - Describe method of data extraction from reports (e.g., piloted forms, independently, in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigator. - Implications for practice/research/medical education need addressed in more deep. Identify implications/recommendations for healthcare providers, users, and policy makers as appropriate, and consistent with limitations.</p>		
2.	Well written thorough very good primer	Thank you for the comment.	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • page 5: If the authors describe the various models of palliative care in more detail, it may be helpful to the reader's understanding. • page 5: "(C) Mixed model" : If the authors describe the "Mixed model" more specifically, it will help readers to understand 	Thank you for the comments. Various models of palliative care have been explained in detail. Also the mixed model has been described more specifically.	

Science editor	Original comments of the science editor	Reply by the author(s)	Changes done on page number and line number
1.	<p>This manuscript highlight the need of alliance of palliative care with intensive care in present era, the barriers to the same, models proposed for their integration and various ethical issues. In general, the paper is well organized and can provided some useful information for readers. Some detail information need to added. Please add more reference if possible since the asked references of this type of manuscript is 30 at least and make a full discussion in the Discussion part. Please add a Figure or Table to help reader understand the article better.</p>	<p>Changes have been made in the manuscript and detailed information has been added. Refernces have been increased to 30 and a table has been added to help readers understand the article better.</p>	<p>Table 1 has been added on page 7</p>

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1.	<p>I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Critical Care Medicine, 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. Before final acceptance, the author(s) must add a table/figure to the manuscript.</p>	<p>Thank you for the comments. We have added a table to the manuscript</p>	<p>Table 1 has been added on page 7</p>