

Response to the reviewer's comments

AS: Thank you to both reviewers for their excellent comments. I have addressed concerns from one reviewer. The other reviewer did not report concerns.

Reviewer 1

AS: Firstly, thank you for your helpful comments.

R1: Manuscript file 39890 WJP The psycho-emotional content of illness narrative master plots for people with chronic and palliative illness; implications for assessment. The author describe the relevance of self-report experience of illness through the Illness narratives. This is an important tool when applied to patients suffering by chronic illness. The manuscript appears to be a well written paper. The Author seem to have competence in the study area.

AS: Thank you.

R1: Title: "chronic and palliative illness", the term palliative could be confusing for the readers.

AS: Agreed this has been changed.

R1: Paragraph titled "Illness Narratives and their Importance": I suggest author to add a definition of well-being which is mentioned in the Conclusion section.

AS: A definition of mental well being has been added as requested with a reference.

R1: Paragraph titled "Illness Narratives Master Plots": Author might replace the term illness with specific diseases as multiple sclerosis, breast cancer et cetera.

AS: I have added to the title in chronic illness

R1: References: There are 6 self-references out of a total of 19. Please try to delete self-references as much as possible.

AS: I appreciate your view. I would like to note that these references are essential to the background of this work. If

required by the editor I would be happy to remove some and understand the importance of not self referencing too much. But it would mean the points made are don't refer the reader to further understand the point being made. I would feel uncomfortable at stating these points without directing the reader to the point.