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Palliative oral care in terminal cancer patients: Integrated review

Answering Reviewers

The integrated review is comprehensive and challenging among the heterogeneity of literature articles. "This integrative review aimed to synthesize the published evidence on oral conditions and their management among palliative patients". But due to the scarcity of the articles (15 articles in total) and the majority of them questionnaires or systematic reviews, these articles did not reflect the proper management of the different oral complications as part of non-pharmacological and other pharmacological options. There is a need to support the management part.

Abstract: I suggest more details in the abstract regarding the importance of the topic and the challenge that healthcare providers encounter. To prevent complications and put the plan, the need to initial the dentist as early as possible as a multidisciplinary member.

Thank you for your kindness and detailed considerations. As suggested, the statement was added in the abstract section

Try to summarize the methodology part.

We are grateful for your review and suggestions e we have changed this part of the text for better understanding.

The numbering of oral complication; ex orofacial pain, is number 5, not 4

Please excuse our inattention. We appreciate the observation. The number was corrected.

Under the oral candidiasis section, paragraph line 49, there is a need to mention the drug name (Fluconazole) the dose for haemodialysis is incorrect (there are many considerations for the type and severity of infection). It is preferred to mention the dose adjustment is needed for a renal patient.

The authors are really sorry for this lapse. We appreciate the observation and correct these informations.

figure 1 please complete the empty text boxes.

Please excuse our inattention. The figure was corrected.

I reviewed with interest this integrative review aimed to synthesize the published evidence on oral conditions, impact, management and challenges in managing oral conditions among palliative patients. The results showed that oral manifestations in oncologic patients in terminal stage are, oral candidiasis, dry mouth, dysphagia, dysgeusia,

oral mucositis and orofacial pain. I found that. this article is of great values not only for dentist but also to ICU physicians to be applied.

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