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## Peer Review Report for "Development of Palliative Care for Children with Cancer in Iran: A Local Model"

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### Review Timeline:

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Revision (0)

Here, you can see the **Reviewers**, **Associate Editors** and **EICs'** comments from the beginning to the end of the revision process.

**Nasrin Dadashi** : Reviewer

21 Jan 2025

To the Associate Editor,

Introduction

Please follow the logical process of introduction. It means that first the population of Iran and then the population of Iranian children under the age of 14 should be mentioned. Then the statistics of cancer in children and the low survival rate should be discussed.

In the third paragraph, the quality of life is mentioned twice, and it is better to mention the consequences of the lack of PPC in Iran, the same as the second line of this paragraph, and finally, the reduction of the quality of life is mentioned.

Please change “Globocan” to “Global Cancer Observatory”.

#### Method

Google Scholar is not a database; it is a search engine. Please correct it.

In the conduct needs assessment section, due to the deletion of 48 papers and the remaining 19 papers, the initial number of studies is not 35 papers. Please correct it. It was mentioned in the established protocols for referral and registration of patients section that, the service provision process is available 24 hours a day, both in-person and via phone, while in paragraph 3, it was mentioned that, this telephone consultation is only active from 8 AM to 4 PM. Please correct it.

In establish protocols for referral and registration of patients section, please change HUB-Scope model to HUB-spoc model

In the last paragraph, PPC should be written in capital letters

#### Discussion

Please change EMRO to Eastern Mediterranean Regional (EMRO). Because this phrase was mentioned for the first time in the text.

In the acknowledgment section, do you mean the professors, faculty members, please be clear.

**Samira Beiranvand** : Reviewer

22 Jan 2025

Dear Author (s); Thank you for submitting your valuable manuscript to IJCM; This manuscript is interesting in subject and was written well. But I feel the need to mention some things.

**Abstract:** Effectively summarizes the background, aim, methods, results, and conclusion. Consider condensing some phrases for brevity and clarity. For example, the explanation of the challenges faced, and solutions found could be made more concise.

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**Methods:** The methodology is well-structured, particularly in outlining the 11 steps based on WHO guidelines. The logical flow and detailed explanation of each step enhance replicability. The use of multiple sub-studies in the needs assessment is commendable. It would be helpful to include specific qualitative insights or examples that guided the implementation and adaptation of the model.

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#### Overall Recommendations

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- Figures and Tables: If applicable, ensure that any figures or tables included enhance understanding and are referenced in the text.
- Formatting: Ensure consistent formatting throughout the manuscript, particularly for citations and references.

We are waiting for your revised article. Thanks

**Maryam Rassouli** : Associate Editor

5 Feb 2025

Dear Authors,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript to IJCM. After careful consideration and in light of the reviewers' recommendations, I have decided that a minor revision is required. Please address all comments and provide your responses in a file titled "Reply to Reviewers," addressing each comment one by one. Additionally, apply all changes in red font and submit the revised manuscript within 4 weeks.

Looking forward to receiving the revised manuscript in due time.

Best regards,

Maryam Rassouli,

Associate Editor

**REFeree** : EIC

11 Feb 2025

Dear Author,

Please revise the manuscript based on the comments of the reviewers and resubmit.

Thank You

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## Revision (1)

**Reply to Reviewers**

Ideally, the reviewing process can significantly improve the submitted manuscripts by allowing the authors to take into account the advice of reviewers. Author(s) must reply to all reviewers' comments in a separate Word file, point by point. A "**Reply to Reviewers**" document is submitted along with revised manuscript during submission of revised files, summarizing the changes that the authors made in response to the reviewers' comments. The responses to reviewers' comments specifies how the authors addressed each comment the reviewers made.

You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Thanks for your valuable comment. They are highlight in the text.

Reviewer 2:

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✓ Thanks for your comment. Because we did not have a word limit in the abstract, we showed more of the findings.

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**Maryam Rassouli** : Associate Editor

19 Feb 2025

Dear Authors,

I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript has been accepted for publication in this journal.

Thank you for submitting your manuscript to this journal and looking forward for your future works.

Best regards,

Associate editor

**REFEREE** : EIC

26 Feb 2025

Dear Author,

Thank You for submitting your work to IJCM