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Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		
Personal characteristics		
Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Not applicable. There were no interviews or focus groups in this study.
Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials?	DW: PhD JF: PhD HK: BSc SS: MA MEM: PhD
Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	DW: Postdoctoral fellow JF: Assistant professor HK: Doctoral student SS: Research assistant MEM: Assistant professor
Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	DW: Male JF: Female HK: Male SS: Female MEM: Female
Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	JF and MEM are qualitative researchers and teach qualitative research at a University level. MEM is the director of the McGill Qualitative Health Research Group. DW and SS have completed graduate degrees using qualitative methods. DW has supervised clinical research projects using qualitative methods. JF and MEM supervised the analysis and oversaw the doctoral student and postdoctoral fellow.
Relationship with participants		
Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Not applicable. There are no participants in this study.
Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher?	Not applicable. There are no participants in this study.
Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator?	Not applicable. There was no interviewer or facilitator in this study.
Domain 2: study design		
Theoretical framework		
Methodological orientation and theory	What methodological orientation was stated to	Discourse analysis

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	underpin the study?	
Participant selection		
Sampling	How were participants selected?	Not applicable. There are no participants in this study. (Our sample of articles however, were selected based on an exhaustive search of relevant databases followed by screening for relevance according to specific criteria as specified in the manuscript)
Method of approach	How were participants approached?	Not applicable. There are no participants in this study.
Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Not applicable. There are no participants in this study. (Our sample of articles for analysis is n=285)
Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	Not applicable. There are no participants in this study.
Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected?	Texts were collected electronically.
Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Not applicable. There are no participants in this study.
Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample?	The sample of articles includes news articles, letters to the editor, opinion pieces, and editorials, about euthanasia. They are either authored by a physician or reference a physician perspective.
Data collection		
Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Not applicable. There were no interviews in this study.
Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	Not applicable. There were no interviews in this study.
Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Not applicable. There were no interviews in this study.
Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Not applicable. There were no interviews in this study.
Duration	What was the duration of the	Not applicable. There were no

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	interviews or focus groups?	interviews in this study.
Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Not applicable. Data analysis did not inform data collection. Rather, the sample of articles was determined, and then analyzed.
Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Not applicable. There were no interviews in this study.
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
Data analysis		
Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data	3
Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Coding occurred in three phases. First, the data was coded descriptively by one author. Then the data was coded analytically by a second author. This second level of coding generated preliminary themes. At this stage all authors met to review the coding and analysis, articles were reread, and a final interpretation was created. Lastly, data was read by two authors using the themes presented in this article as a deductive framework, in order to ensure that nothing significant was omitted from the analysis and interpretation.
Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Derived from the data
Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Atlas TI
Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Not applicable. There are no participants in this study.
Reporting		
Quotations presented	Were participant quotations to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? E.g., participant number	Yes.
Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Yes.
Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly	Yes.

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	presented in the findings?	
Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Yes. For example, minority voices from within the sample of palliative physician perspectives that are explicitly supportive of euthanasia.