Reviewer’s report

Title: Concordance of self-reported and medical chart information on cancer diagnosis and treatment

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The authors have responded well to the reviews. They clarified several issues and bolstered the Introduction and Conclusion to place the study in better context with previous literature. Two major issues remain:

1. It is still not clear why the medical chart review covers 1-3 months, and why it is different in different patients, e.g., initial regimen vs. entire regimen. Is this the first hospitalization or hospitalizations within 3 months to the initial hospital? Please state explicitly.

2. The authors state the quality control protocol checked a sample of 5-10% of medical chart abstractions. What was the interrater reliability of those?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.