Reviewer's report

Title: Generic quality of life assessment in dementia patients: a prospective cohort study

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Reviewer: Albert Ludolph

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This is an important study, which emphasizes that the philosophy of advance directives and quality of life estimation made by healthy people are incorrect. There is not much to say from my side. I would recommend the authors to make the conclusions stronger

a. to shorten the discussion
b. to say something about thoughts on advanced directives, on euthanasia and physician – assisted suicide and
c. to include one or two sentences about the current discussions in the ALS field (which has come to similar conclusions)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.