Reviewer's report

Title: Preferences for active and aggressive interventions among patients with advanced cancer

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No essential revisions. The manuscript is much improved, and I commend the authors on a very nice study.

One discretionary point:
p. 15- Might SDM's also be more aggressive because they worry about the possible guilt of letting a family member die, when treatment (however unlikely) might have helped prolong life slightly? I think the relationship dynamics are key here.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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