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The authors have put a lot of effort in addressing both reviewer's comments. I still feel that the conclusion on 'aggressive chemotherapy' is controversial since it is defined in terms of its own outcome. There will always be some debate about this. Nevertheless I have no objection to this paper being published. It has a provocative point to make and serves a purpose. Being in the public domain it can be further subject to the opinion and critique of all those involved in oncology and palliative care. There will be many learning points for all of us.