Reviewer's report

Title: Information from physicians and retention of information by patients - Obstacles to the awareness of patients of progressing disease when life is near to an end.

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Reviewer: Marjorie Wenrich

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I am comfortable that the authors have addressed all of my concerns and I can now recommend acceptance of this paper. Probably still requires some minor copy editing: for example, in abstract background: Since the study is based on two different groups of patients it will also be possible to notice if and whether so in what way.....the whether so is not clear.

Marjorie Wenrich

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.