Reviewer’s report

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I am satisfied with the responses to my queries and suggestions, and to most of the changes made in the revised manuscript. The paper has improved a lot, and can be recommended for publication.

I still have two recommendations for improvement.

1) The conclusions should be based on the study. The costs of creating an advance directive could be high, but that was not studied here.
1) I’m happy with the author’s answer to my query nr 2. However, the text in manuscript is not in concordance with the answer (Results, last paragraph).

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.