Reviewer's report

Title: Consenting the Vulnerable: The Informed Consent in Advanced Cancer Patients in Mexico

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General
I am very impressed with the changes that have been made. The article now has a clear, structured format with a comprehensive argument. The language is also greatly improved. The appendices are now more clearly structured and easier to interpret. After consideration, I believe the title is catchy and should be retained.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
None

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
A few language errors. Can be provided on request.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
It would be interesting to discuss the implications of the observation that doctors do not see payment, gifts, etc as affecting their independence and discuss possible approaches to this dilemma. This could however be done in a subsequent article.

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests