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Dear Dr. Lemmens

Thank you again for the opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled “Palliative patients under anaesthesiological care: A single-centre retrospective study on incidence, demographics and outcome.”
We have addressed the reviewer’s comments as described below.

Please let us know if you need anything else.

On behalf of the authors,

Christoph Lassen

Reviewer 2 (Prof. Ostgathe)

- This reviewer asked for more detailed information on the frequency of the most common cancer sites. We have included this information on the three most common tumor sites in our study in the results section (page 6, lines 6-8).

Reviewer 3 (Prof. Spadaro)

- This reviewer asked for elimination of the seven cases of cardiopulmonary resuscitation from our study. We would like to keep these cases integrated, because we feel, that they underline the fact, that palliative patients undergo invasive procedures regardless of their far advanced illness. We have added this point to the discussion (page 10, lines 1-3). Also we feel that we have adequately pointed out the anaesthesiologist’s role during the course of perioperative therapy in the discussion and the conclusion section.