Reviewer’s report

Title: Limiting Treatment and Shortening of Life: Data from a Cross-sectional Survey in Germany on Frequencies, Determinants and Patients' Involvement.

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Reviewer: Hilde Buiting

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The authors carefully addressed all suggestions to further improve the paper, and the paper is much more focused right now.

I only have two minor questions:

- Line 80; I wondered whether it is the frequency of end-of-life practices that changes over time

- I wondered whether higher reports of limiting treatment could be considered as an improvement in the quality of care as German doctors are probably more transparent right now?

I unfortunately do not have any literature comparing limiting treatment in different disease trajectories / age trajectories.

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