Reviewer’s report

Title: Differences in Do-Not-Resuscitate Orders, Hospice Care Utilization, and Late Referral to Hospice Care between Cancer and Non-cancer Decedents in a Tertiary Hospital in Taiwan between 2010 and 2015: A Hospital-Based Observational Study

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Reviewer: Bernard Fikkers

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for reviewing the 2nd version.

I think the authors have done their best to adapt my recommendations, however, I find the manuscript still quite complicated to read.

In particular, I find the terms "duration of survival" and "days of survival" complicated and confusing. Apparently, with DOS you mean "duration of survival", so please rename "days of survival" to something with different letters.

Page 9, line 35: Why did you include "patients 20 year old and over" instead of the usual "18 years or older"?

Page 10, line 35: Please write "...days of survival after a patient signed the DNR-consent."

Page 12, line 16. Please explain "hospice care utilization rate" in the Methods-section.

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