Author’s response to reviews

Title: Shared decision making with oncologists and palliative care specialists effectively increases the documentation of the preferences for do not resuscitate and artificial nutrition and hydration in patients with advanced cancer: a model testing study

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Dear Dr. LeBlanc

Greetings! Thank you for giving us the opportunity for minor revision. We have incorporated the excellent comments from the reviewers into the revised manuscript. The point-by-point response is presented following this letter. Also, a clean version of the manuscript was submitted according to your suggestion. We sincerely hope you will find our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Palliative Care.

Respectfully yours,

Tai-Yuan, Chiu, MD, MSci
Technical Comments:

Editor Comments:

Thank you for responding so nicely to the prior reviews. Should you be able to address the few small remaining comments, your paper should be acceptable for publication at that time.

Response:

Thank you for your kind words. We have incorporated the excellent comments from the reviewers for the revision.

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Reviewer reports:

Amy Tan (Reviewer 2): Thank you yet again for your diligent work on the revisions. This version again is even more improved. I have a couple of small clarifications that I believe would help with clarity once corrected/addressed.

Line 174 - I think you mean "At the same time" instead of "On the other page"?

Response:

Thank you for your suggestions! We have added “At the same time” in line 173.

Line 217 - should be clearly competent, not clearly conscious

Response:

We have made the corrections according to your comments in line 217. Thanks!
Why in line 237/238 are only those who choose DNR uploaded? I think any documentation is important to be available?

Response:

Indeed, we agree that any documentation is important. However, the national electronic health record only allowed those who choose DNR uploaded currently. Thank you for the comment!

Page 290- Please clarify if these patients who died in hospital with 52% DNR documentation were NOT part of the study, as alluded to in the Discussion?

Response:

Yes, the study participants were still alive during the study period not included in the administrative data of those died in the period. We added “outside of the model” in line 290. Thanks for your recommendation!

Thank you,