Reviewer’s report

Title: ARE ADVANCE DIRECTIVES HELPFUL FOR GOOD END OF LIFE DECISION MAKING: A CROSS SECTIONSAL SURVEY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

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Reviewer: Simon Jenkins

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This resubmission contains dramatic changes and is a vast improvement on the previous version, but in my opinion it still isn't suitable for publication here. I am pleased that the conclusions have been toned down to better reflect the data that supports them, and the changes you have made to the methods and the explanations given are mainly satisfactory. It would be good to add a bit more detail to explain how and why the questionnaire was based on that in previous studies, though. Also, page 5 notes that 'I have a strong feeling...' which isn't really an appropriate source of evidence for a scientific paper. What's this feeling based on, and why should the reader have this feeling too?

There are still English language issues in the paper that affect its readability and therefore its appropriateness for publication in this journal. Some examples:

'In addition to explore the views of health care professionals of the application of Advance Directives in clinical practice in Lithuania.' (p2)

'The analysis of the comprehension about AD' (p3)

'It was revealed a low level of comprehension about advance directives among health professionals. ' (p3)

'about at the end of life' (p4)

'Overall, 478 study 23 subjects of 500 invited, participated and returned completed questionnaires'

"Lickert's scale" should be "Likert scale".

"Helpfull" should be "helpful".

I recommend that a native English speaker go through the paper very rigorously, at the very final stage before submission, so that the language can be tightened up throughout. I think the paper is nearly in a good state and I very much hope you can get these issues sorted out.

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