Reviewer’s report

Title: Talking about Treatment Benefits, Harms, and What Matters to Patients in Radiation Oncology: An Observational Study

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"REVISION ASSESSMENT FROM THE ACADEMIC PEER REVIEWER:

Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? Yes

Reviewer comments: Summary of the responses from the authors

The authors made the required changes in all the sections of the manuscript according to the comments described in the peer review.

Regarding the comment for the Background, the reference to the study by Beers, 2017, describing the essential steps of shared decision-making, clinical practice guidelines and challenges has been added.

Regarding the comments for the Background and the Discussion, the authors have modified the text and added the recommended references (on informed consent by Berlin, on shared decision-making intervention by Bieber et al., on improvement of patients' perceived decision quality by Martinez et al.) to the Background section and references (on palliative care by Cain et al.) to the Discussion section. In their response, the authors have provided clear description of the performed changes in the text.

Regarding the editorial corrections, the authors have made a requested change on Page 4 lines 20-21.

Conclusion

The authors have addressed all the comments included in the peer review. Therefore, the study can be recommended as a technically sound contribution. It will be of interest for both for oncologists and radiologists."

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