Reviewer’s report

Title: Two distinct do-not-resuscitate protocols leaving less to the imagination: an observational study using propensity score matching

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The authors did a good job in making the research aims being in accordance with the results. Personally I would have preferred the study to focus more on whether the different DNR’s result in less aggressive treatments or not, but I can live with this choice.

My previous mentioned minor essential revision was responded to, but it did not lead to adding something about it in the discussion. I want to retain this as a minor essential revision:

From a palliative care perspective I wonder what patients with a DNRCC who do not want to aggressive treatments and only comfort care are doing on an intensive care. I would like some reflection on this in the discussion section.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.