**Box 1: examples of explanation of relatives who answered ‘satisfied about the treatment choice’ and mentioned:**

* **Only positive aspects:**

You try to get hope with the treatment. He had no side effects, as with chemotherapy. However, he progressed after a couple of cycles. We started the treatment to stall/extend. Every 3 weeks. Eventually he passed away through euthanasia, he wanted to keep control in his own hands (**in the categories ‘It gives hope’ and ‘no side effects**)

* **Positive and negative aspects:**

It was my husbands’ choice, so that is good. But for me, it all went really fast. Doctors repeatedly said: it is going fine. Then, after surgery on his chest wound it suddenly went wrong and he quickly past away. It is really unfortunate/a shame, and I was angry, because we had not spoken to the oncologists when my husband was admitted to the hospital. No call, no visit. We had to hear from the ward doctor that there were no treatment options left and he would have very short time left (to live). But, he still had a good summer after the immunotherapy so that is nice (**in the categories ‘It was the patients’ choice’, ‘good quality of life’ and ‘insufficient quality of care’**).

* **Only negative aspects:**

In the final period we had our doubts. The exams took long and in the meantime the cancer kept growing in the liver. After 3 months of radiation of the lungs nothing happened. In the medical files it said palliative chemotherapy, however, this was not mentioned to us (curative). Chemotherapy is still junk, in hindsight the last chemotherapy was too much (**in the categories ‘The treatment was started too late’ ‘insufficient quality of care’ and ‘treatment was given too long’**).

**Box 2: Examples of relatives who answered ‘not satisfied about the treatment choice’ and mentioned:**

* **Only positive aspects:**

It was his choice. He lived longer because of the chemo. His wife wanted to try. But at a certain point he did not want to anymore, also no immunotherapy unless it was possible from home (**in the categories ‘Lived longer’ and ‘choice of the patient’**).

* **Positive and negative aspects:**

My husband was so ill and he already received so many treatments. There were no more treatment options left, he felt like a test subject, it is tough, traveling long distance and we kept going/continued too long. In [other hospital] they also continue treatment for a long time. But everyone tries to grab on every straw/chance (**in the categories ‘We tried everything’, ‘quality of life worsened’, ‘insufficient quality of care’ and ‘burdensome hospital visits’**).

* **Only negative aspects:**

It didn’t work. She still had lots of treatments after this one. From the chemo she only lost her hair/ turned balled (**in the categories ‘The treatment didn’t work’ and ‘side effects’**).

**Appendix**

**Questionnaire for relatives:**

* *“In hindsight, are you satisfied with the treatment choice of your relative? Can you tell me why you are or are not satisfied?”*

Yes, because:

No, because:

I am not sure, because:

* “*In hindsight, what do you think of the information you received on your relatives treatment? Did you receive enough information or what information did you miss*?”

Too much:

Enough:

Not enough, I missed:

* “*Your relative reported the following goal(s) before he or she started treatment. To what extent do you think the goal is achieved by/through the treatment? It is on a scale from 0 to 10 with 0 meaning not achieved at all and 10 meaning entirely achieved*”

“*Read goal 1 aloud*”: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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“*Read goal 2 aloud*”: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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“*Read goal 3 aloud*”: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

[Room for explanation]

“*Read goal 4 aloud*”: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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