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To the Editor

Thank you for the thoughtful response to our recent article on “Development and Testing of a Decision Aid on Goals of Care for Advanced Dementia.”¹ Your detailed work developing and reviewing a booklet for family caregivers is an important addition to the body of research on supportive care for advanced dementia patients. Although the booklet is not a formal decision aid, it is a promising resource for this population. We are hopeful this line of research leads toward a clinical trial of the booklet with active family caregivers. In addition to decision aids, such informational tools are extraordinarily rare in dementia care.

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