Reviewer's report

Title: Inflammatory (B) symptoms are independent predictors of myelosuppression from chemotherapy in Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL) patients - analysis of data from a British National Lymphoma Institute phase III trial comparing CHOP to PMitCEBO.

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Reviewer: Umberto Tirelli

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Major compulsory revisions: In the manuscript there is no mention of toxic deaths and of other important side effects like fatigue. There is no mention in the paper on the relationship between myelotoxicity and CR rate and overall survival.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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