Reviewer's report

Title: Patient perspectives of managing fatigue in Ankylosing Spondylitis, and views on potential interventions: a qualitative study.

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Reviewer: Lionel Schachna

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The authors have conducted a study of patient focus groups to examine the impact of fatigue among patients with ankylosing spondylitis.

1. Please explain what you mean by ‘to help inform our research agenda’ and in the discussion how your 'research agenda' has been impacted by your findings.

2. The rationale for the focus group schedules should be moved to the Introduction or Discussion.

3. Can the authors provide a short list or table of the specific focus areas related to fatigue that were discussed?

4. Were the differences between participants and non-participants statistically significant and what impact might this have on generalizability of your findings?

5. How many participants were on a TNF blocker?

6. Had participants discussed fatigue with their healthcare providers and what advice were they given?