Reviewer's report

**Title:** Factors associated with the severity and improvement of fatigue in patients with advanced cancer presenting to an outpatient palliative care clinic

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**Reviewer:** Simon G Allan

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This report is well written and contributes some important information on the follow up of fatigue in a large number of Palliative Care patients, followed between 2 time points and regularly assessed with the ESAS tool.

The study is retrospective but does give some useful data for those researching the area of fatigue. It might be said that some statistically significant association might be found if sufficient factors are looked at and this may explain findings which may or may not prove to be confirmed in future studies. The data is non the less worthy of publishing. This could be alluded to in the limitations.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.