Reviewer’s report

Title: Autonomic dysfunction in patients with advanced cancer; prevalence, clinical correlates and challenges in assessment.

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Reviewer: Egidio Del Fabbro

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There are no major compulsory revisions required.

The manuscript is well-written with sound methodology.

The authors have added to our understanding of the relationship of autonomic dysfunction, symptoms and survival in advanced cancer. They acknowledge the limitations of the study, including the large number of patients unable to participate. This is a challenge faced by most researchers in palliative care.

Discretionary revisions might include the following.

Adding the survival/prognostication results to the conclusion.

Consider adding Performance status to the variables.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests