Reviewer's report

**Title:** Evaluation of routine laboratory parameters related to cachexia: differences between patients with hematological diseases and patients with solid tumors or heart failure - Is there only one cachexia?

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**Reviewer:** Maurizio Muscaritoli

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Although the quality of the manuscript has been improved and some changes have been made, my feeling is that the paper is not yet suitable for publication. The title is now too long and some major criticisms from reviewer 1 and 2 have not been fulfilled (in particular the need to separate cancer from non-cancer patients).

I think there is still room for improvement and I would welcome a second revision.

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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