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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The authors have answered the points sufficiently well to allow their manuscript to be published. Minor technical as well as grammar and spelling mistakes have been corrected. Especially due to the experimental data obtained and discussed in the manuscript, this one has enough merits to be published. However, I did not understand the phrase: “Comparing results of minor criteria upon establishing groups of 6 patients after using major criteria is just that.” (pag 14, row 4).

The authors are requested to read once again the manuscript before publication.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interest.