Reviewer's report

Title: The Relationship between Bioelectrical Impedance Phase Angle and Subjective Global Assessment in Advanced Colorectal Cancer

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Overall, it is a well-written paper with appropriate statistical methodology used. The subject matter is interesting and worthy of future research. I have some minor comments that should be addressed by the authors before this paper can be considered for publication.

The authors do not define “malnutrition” in their population. This should be done. Precautions for increasing validity of BIA measurements should include adequate hydration for previous 24 hours, including abstaining from alcohol, caffeinated beverages, no food intake at least 2 hours before measurement, and required voiding 30 minutes prior to measurement.

Additionally, patient should rest a few minutes before measurement.

These precautions are not discussed and could have influenced measurement validity.

Omission of these precautions should be more fully addressed in the discussion.

Was informed consent of the patients or their families taken for this study?

The authors should point out in the discussion that a more objective method of nutritional assessment should be used in order to derive the definitive cut-offs of phase angle.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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'