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Title: The Relationship between Pain Management and Psychospiritual Distress in Patients with Advanced Cancer Following Admission to a Palliative Care Unit

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Reviewer: Srini Chary

Reviewer's report:

I had difficulty in understanding how in 7 days psychological & spiritual distress could be reduced to comfort level in the presence of severe pain from the study. No mention is made of further follow-up after 7 days.

Mental health, major depression (genetics & epigenetics), threat of pain or pain with present day knowledge of fMRI & neurotransmitters, very little is mentioned.

The concept of "total pain" is mentioned in passing and requires proper reference material. If it an observational study; mixed group of patients including survival 4 days to over year and half, the statistical application and assumptions are not a good fit in my opinion.

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