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Title: Does packed red cell transfusion provide symptomatic benefits to cancer palliative patients?: a longitudinal study from a single private oncology center in Nepal

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The role of transfusions in symptom relief of palliative care patients is controversial. However, some experience, including this paper, in addition to the daily clinical practice in patients in terminal phase affected by hematological malignancies, indicate that transfusion, far from being a therapeutic obstinacy, is a valid measure of palliative medicine for the control of symptoms and in the comfort of the patient also in advanced stages and even in the end-life care setting. This work brilliantly sums up these aspects and could be of great use to specialists in palliative care and hematology.

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