Supplementary 2: Conscious state and changes over time prior to death

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| **Author (date)** | **Timing (days prior to death)** | **Timing (average days prior to death)** | **Term used** | **% of study participants with a changed conscious state** |
| White et al. (2019) | 3 days | Not reported | deeply unconscious | 62.5% |
| Barbato et al. (2018) | <1-3.8 days | Mean 1.1 ± 0.8 days | unresponsive | 100% |
| Matsunami et al. (2018) | 0.1-11 days | Median 1.3 days | decline in consciousness | 100% |
| Pereira et al. (2018) | <0.1 to 5 days | Not reported | comatose state | 44.6% |
| Thier et al. (2016) | 0-7 days | Not reported | decrease in level of consciousness | 95% |
| Bruera et al. (2003) | Not reported | Not reported | unresponsive | 100% |
| Barbato (2001) | 1-8 days | Mean 3.1 days | unconscious | 100% |
| Morita et al.  (1998) | 0.25 day  1 day  7 days | Not reported | comatose | 50%  12%  0% |
| Turner et al. (1996) | 3 days | Not reported | unconscious | 8% |
| Fainsinger et al. (1991) | ≤1 day  6 days | Not reported | unresponsive | 57%  2 % |
| Lichter and Hunt (1990) | 0-0.5 day  0.5-1 day  1-2 days  ˃2 days | Not reported | became unconscious | 38%  24%  7%  1% |