

Review of: "An Approach to Robust Fatigue Life Prediction to Be Used in Early Design Stages"

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1. The concept of improving reliability of designs not primarily by pursuing more complex modelling, but rather focusing on development of robust solutions utilizing well-established relatively simple techniques is welcomed.
2. The objective, methodology, implementation, and conclusions are clear.
3. The real-world example with updates of factors and operational scenarios, with consideration of the applicability of the "robust solution," demonstrates valuable practical insight regarding implementation of the proposed technique.
4. For interdisciplinary reference and ease of reading, all abbreviations need to be defined on first appearance (e.g., CAE, even if widely used), and terminology that is industry specific may be defined, e.g., "shot peening."
5. Minor editing required – check document. The following errors were noted:
 - a. p. 6, 1st par. 4th line: the word "that" seems to be a typo
 - b. p.14, 1st par. 2nd sentence: appears to be a typo in reference
 - c. p.15, sect. 3.3, 1st par. second sentence: appears to be a typo after "variation"
 - d. p.16, below Table 4: "1.1" seems to be a typo