Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer’s report:

Please note that this report is for the original submission.

This is a well-written protocol paper which has been prepared in accordance with SPIRIT guidelines.

The discussion section is rather short and would benefit from some additional information including plans for dissemination; any potential challenges or limitations of the study.

A reference is required for the statement 'PD-L1 blockade has also demonstrated promising efficacy in patients with mesothelioma (ESMO 2015)' on page 6.

If these issues were addressed, the protocol would be suitable for publication.

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