Reviewer’s report

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The authors adequately addressed the reviewers’ points and made the respective changes in their revised manuscript as suggested. I have only one last issue:

• Results, p8, 3rd para, 2nd sentence: the authors talk about overall costs, but present the numbers of mean total cost per patient. Furthermore, they still say that costs were lower in GDT group, although not significant. The correct wording would be: “tended to be lower”.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests