Reviewer's report

Title: Novel study design to assess the utility of the COPD Assessment Test in a primary care setting

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Major--
Understanding how the CAT may impact the conduct of a visit is a very interesting and potentially important outcome. However, it is not the main outcome of interest which is whether or not the use of the CAT modifies therapy and most importantly patient outcomes such as quality of life or functionality. This must be stated clearly and described as a limitation of this clever study design.

The manuscript is clear, well written and needs little modification of what is currently written other than the addition of the limitation of this design to assess the outcome of the tool on patient's and the total extent of care and outcomes.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.