Reviewer's report

Title: Disease-modifying drug adherence and received care in patients with multiple sclerosis: Protocol of a prospective, web-based, patient-centred, nation-wide Dutch cohort study in glatiramer acetate treated patients (CAIR study)

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. I would appreciate an appendix listing the questions of the study to more fully assess whether the study can answer the questions posed. Currently, we are provided with information on the important factors associated with adherence, and told that the questions will provide important information but I cannot assess this fully.

2. I cannot ascertain how the data will be stored or presented to the investigators. Although patients log in with their own personal accounts, will the data be deidentified? If not, why not?

3. How will the participant be informed of the "results" of the study? This needs to be documented in the protocol.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Throughout the manuscript, there are issues with grammar - for example in the abstract the following appears: "In near future new drugs will become available for RRMS." This is grammatically incorrect and is missing "the". Another example is on page 4 of the Methods section: "All RRMS patients in the Netherlands who start GA treatment are eligible and are informed on the study by neurologists and nurses. I would suggest tightening up the manuscript."

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.