Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of clinical pathway on clinical outcomes in the management of COPD exacerbation

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Thank you for allowing me to see a revised manuscript. This has been improved, but I still have two issues:

1) there is still some problem with English standard in the Discussion. I would be happy to track changes!

2) I am still left wondering what exactly the authors believe made the difference in the success of the clinical pathway? The pathway is referred to but its content or salient features even are not detailed; and there is nothing in the Discussion to suggest what are the key improvements that make the difference. I find this frustrating, and even a brief attempt to address this would improve the paper a great deal.

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:

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