Reviewer’s report

Title: The correct prednisone starting dose in polymyalgia rheumatica is related to body weight but not to disease severity

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Minor essential revisions:

1. The informal chart review results which are reported in the discussion section would be more appropriately incorporated as part of the results section as there are data involved in this review. I do not feel that the unblinded nature of the study is a major problem, since most physicians do not dose prednisone in this disorder on a mg/kg basis, however, it is appropriate to discuss this as a potential limitation of the study as the authors have done.

2. I would prefer to see the data that are presented in Table 2 reformatted as a Figure, using a bar graph style; this would make easier the comparison of groups.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.