Reviewer's report

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I congratulate the authors for a manuscript which has been substantially improved. However, despite a definition given for the primary outcome, it still not clear to me what it really means clinically and I agree with Dr Verbeek’s comment that time to RTW would be the most relevant outcome. The report of such RTW outcome would indeed allow the pooling of this underpowered study with other studies. This remains the major flaw of this study.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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