Reviewer's report

Title: Developing a Complex Intervention for the Outpatient Management of Incidentally Diagnosed Pulmonary Embolism in Cancer Patients.

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It is certainly a well-designed development of a complex intervention (outpatient treatment of cancer patients with a new incidental diagnosis of pulmonary embolism) and the topic is of interest for thrombosis experts and oncologists.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The manuscript is well-written but it is not clear to me if the study is already ongoing. In particular: is there an advanced phase 2 (now, it is only described a pilot phase 2) or a phase 3 has been planned?

If other phases are planned or ongoing, I would strongly suggest not to publish data now but later on.

2. I would suggest to report some extra analyses on provided data. For example, K statistics or something similar on concordance between radiographers identification of PE and real PE diagnosis could be of interest: moreover, if you provide confidence intervals of your data, it could be useful to have a rough idea of the statistical power of the study.

Minor Essential Revisions

3. May you kindly define abbreviation 'HEY'

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

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 financial competing interest.

I have intellectual conflict of interest as outpatient treatment of PE patient is one of my main research lines.