Reviewer’s report

Title: Common definition for categories of clinical research: a prerequisite for a survey on regulatory requirements by the European Clinical Research Infrastructures Network (ECRIN)

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This is a revised version of paper I reviewed some time ago. Basically, the paper is now clear and interesting to read and I have no major comments. Three technical comments, requiring once more a careful editing of the paper:

1. The division of paragraphs is at places odd and unsystematically shown.
2. In some places commas are used in a way which breaks the thought.
3. My version p. 11, 3rd para of "Categories" 11th and 12th rows: "(therapeutic intervention compared to diagnostic intervention)" is confusing, and is not clear how these terms refer to the terms used earlier in the paragraph. That para, which contains a very important message, is also very long and would benefit from braking into two paras.

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 at the moment.