Reviewer's report

Title: Case Management in Oncology Rehabilitation (CAMON): The effect of case management on the quality of life in patients with cancer after one year of ambulant rehabilitation. A randomized controlled clinical trial

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Reviewer: Gordon Doig

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This is very interesting study. I wish you success in its completion. Please consider including the following additional details in your revised submission:

1. This appears to be a Protocol paper. Please indicate this is a Protocol paper in the Title and Abstract.

2. On page 9, please provide additional details regarding the random sequence generation. How is randomisation stratified? Is blocking used (what size) or minimisation or some other technical process? There are many different types of cancer diagnoses. It would be impossible to stratify on each specific diagnosis. How are ‘categories’ of diagnoses created. Specific details are required. Is randomisation stratified by study centre? Why not?

3. On page 9, please provide additional details regarding how the ‘study nurse receives information concerning the allocation of patients’ such that the reader can determine whether allocation concealment is indeed maintained. Is the study center phoned and baseline ransomistaion information recorded? Is a web site used? Are sequentially numbered opaque sealed envelopes used.

4. Please provide a basic outline of your analytic plan. You must indicate all variables what will be considered for baseline balance, how balance will be assessed and what will be done in the presence of imbalance.