Reviewer's report

Title: Protocol of the Home-Based Older People's Exercise (HOPE) trial: a pilot randomised controlled trial comparing a home-based exercise intervention for frail older people with usual care.

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Reviewer: Charlie Goldsmith

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There are still a few issues that could improve the paper.
1. P(age) 9, p(aragaph) 4, l(ine) 1. Drop [In order] and capitalize [To].
2. P 10, p 2, l 6. Insert [estimated] after [()]. This is a measure not a parameter.
3. P 11, p 3, l 8. Insert after [index] the following: [; 0 for dead, 1 for perfect health and negative values for states worse than death.]. This is needed to onterpret the scale.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests