Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Moyez Jiwa

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Thank you for seeking my further opinion. The authors have made a satisfactory attempt to address my previous concerns. The paper is now much easier to understand.

Discretionary revision

It would be helpful however to have it clearly stated that the ethics committees have approved access to medical records for IRB approved trials without specific patient consent. This is, in my experience not a global attitude to patient confidentiality. However in this setting I am satisfied that the authors have not ventured beyond what is permissible.

I am now happy to recommend publication.

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’