Reviewer's report

**Title:** The Trials Methodological Research Agenda: Results from a priority setting exercise

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**Reviewer:** Robert R. Califf

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This manuscript reports the results of a Delphi process with heads of trial centers in the UK. The results are interesting and quantitative, which is very nice. However, in 3 mailings, the response rate within each survey was modest at best. This is difficult to understand since only chosen trial center leaders were chosen and they are all funded by the government. Therefore my only changes are:

1. take out the rosy statements about the response rate. Few responded to all 3 iterations.

2. It would be useful to understand how such "research on research" should be funded.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

None