Reviewer's report

Title: Effective recruitment of participants to a phase I study using the internet and publicity releases through charities and patient organisations: analysis of the Adaptive study of IL-2 dose on regulatory T cells in type 1 diabetes (DILT1D)

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I think the authors did a nice job responding to reviewer comments. The revised manuscript is much improved, and much more suited to publication.

Discretionary Revisions:
- You've done a nice job discussing the merits to your different recruitment approaches, and some of the draw backs in terms of overall participant yield, but how "costly" are each of the three approaches in terms of staff resources? A low yield recruitment mechanism that has virtually no financial or resource cost may still be an avenue worth pursuing.
- Along these same lines, I believe that your readers might benefit from you sharing some of the lessons learned from each of the recruitment mechanisms.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.