Reviewer’s report

Title: The role of a structured exercise-training program on cardiac structure and function after acute myocardial infarction: design of a prospective randomized study

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I have reviewed this protocol manuscript. It contains the necessary items. I have just a few comments.

a) I noticed an occasional grammatical or spelling error (e.g., on page 3, “access” should be “assess” and a word is missing in the next to last sentence in the middle paragraph). It would be worthwhile for the authors to ask a native English speaker to go over the manuscript.

b) The sample size should be mentioned in the Abstract.

c) It is unfortunate that the block size is disclosed in the Methods section. Particularly in an unblended trial, that allows investigators to know the last (and perhaps next to last) assignment within each block.

d) The Trial Status should be updated.