Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Milagros Alonso

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I find the manuscript very interesting. It identifies important aspects that make it difficult to successfully carry out clinical trials that can be extrapolated to areas other than those involving CTUs.

Optimizing the resources that are invested in clinical research is a subject of great importance from both economic and ethical points of view.

I have no suggestions for improving the content of the manuscript.

However, I do think that some punctuation errors should be corrected (eg page 12, line 260), and some abbreviations should be clarified as well: "DM", "CI" (page 10, lines 224 and 226); "IT", "CLRN" (Figure 1), and "PIL" (Figure 2).

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