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Reviewer's report:

Dear authors

Thank you per opportunite of review your manuscript " Novel optical spectral transmission (OST) guided versus conventionally disease activity guided treatment: study protocol of a randomised clinical trial on guidance of a treatto target strategy for early rheumatoid arthritis". I have a questions below:

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