Reviewer’s report

Title: An Intervention for Pulmonary Rehabilitators to Develop a Social Identity for Patients Attending Exercise Rehabilitation: A Feasibility and Pilot Randomised Control Trial Protocol

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I thought this was a really good proposal, and that its design and rationale were excellent. I do, however, have a couple of small observations that might improve the paper slightly.

1. I would refer to "social identity theorising" rather than "social identity theory" and not that this is comprised of both social identity theory and self-categorization theory. This is because, some of the predictions here (e.g., that social identity is a basis for social support and effective communication) follow from SCT rather than SIT.

2. There are quite a few additional intervention studies that speak to the predictions here (e.g., as noted on the top of p.6). Two that are particularly relevant are Cruwys et al (2014) and Haslam et al (2016).

3. I liked the idea of using group goal setting to build social identity. Perhaps make reference to the need for these goals to be "SMART" though -- so that they stretch the group, but not too much [16].

In any event, I am very interested to see how the results of this pilot turn out -- and how the research program as a whole develops.

Very minor points

p.2 line 34 "participants" should be "participants'"

p.3 line 7 "In view that" --> "In view of the fact that"

p.6 line 5 provided --> provided
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