Reviewer’s report

Title: A psychosocial intervention for the management of functional dysphonia: complex intervention development and pilot randomised trial.

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This is a very interesting and well written paper, seemingly the first study to pilot cognitive behavioural intervention for functional dysphonia. My specific comments are:

(1) can the authors please state explicitly whether a full trial will follow on from their pilot study, and if so whether the same clinical settings would be used.

(2) It is a little unclear how the participants are recruited. As it stands my understanding is that once at the clinic during their scheduled appointment, the therapist would introduce the study. Are the patients at this point given information sheet to take away and given time to make informed decision regarding consent? Or are they asked to consent there and then?

(3) How long are the 6-8 fortnightly sessions? Was acceptability of their duration tested?

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