Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Ranjit Lall

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The article is very well written and to a high degree of precision. It details the strengths of the study as well as its limitations adequately. My only comments are:

(I) no mention is made of the number of therapists (although there are same therapists in both arms). Also no mention is made of the number patients within each therapist. These are important parameters, so the authors what to pursue a large RCT, when computing the therapist effect.

(II) the outcomes are briefly mentioned in the objectives of the pilot RCT. However, there is no mention of what may be primary outcome and what are the secondary outcomes.

(III) page 21: lines 22-42 - there needs to be consistency in reporting the results - the mean and 95% CI are preferred for pilot/feasibility studies

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