Reviewer's report

Title: To compare the efficacy of two kinds of Zhizhu pills in the treatment of functional dyspepsia of spleen-deficiency and qi-stagnation syndrome randomized group sequential comparative trial

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Reviewer: Carl J Lombard

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Minor essential revisions
1. The log(OR) is the scale of the TT testing being done. This is fine but the estimate of the effect should be expressed on the odds ratio scale since this is the standard scale for expressing the benefit or risk.
Hence taking the exponent for the estimate and CI one gets OR=2.91 with 95%CI: 1.40 to 6.06) for the benefit of IFCA relative to IFCS. This should be presented in the abstract and body of the text in place of the log(OR).
2. The last paragraph of the statistical methods should be deleted since it is no longer relevant
3. The headings of Figure I and II should be clear and self-sufficient

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'