Reviewer’s report

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Comparing the present version with the previous one shows again minor changes only,
while several serious concerns are left unaddressed both in the paper and in the letter. Below is a non-exhaustive list of comments, most of which have been given before. I am sorry to say, but it really seems to me as if the authors have no idea whatsoever of how an intervention study must be designed or analyzed. For the design and analysis of randomized studies, read the books and papers (in Statistics in Medicine) of Stephen Senn, possibly also Pocock’s book on clinical trials. For nonrandomized studies, read e.g. van Breukelen (J Clin Epid 2006) and Rosenbaum’s book on observational studies.

For these reasons, I have to advice rejection of this manuscript.