Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Nadine Foster

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The authors have much improved the manuscript and overall I am happy that they have addressed the key concerns of the reviewers. The pilot study findings are now being disseminated in a more appropriate way ie. that they provide data to support the development of a larger, more definitive trial.

There is an error in Table 3 that must be addressed before publication however. The 3 and 12 month data are identical, which is most likely to be an oversight / error.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests