Reviewer's report

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Reviewer's report:

- Major Compulsory Revisions
  None.
- Minor Essential Revisions
  1. Data analysis: pp. 15, 2nd para, 3rd sentence: What systems will be put in place to avoid study protocol violations as these are undesirable in a clinical trial?
- Discretionary Revisions
  None.

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

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.