Reviewer's report

Title: The PRCI study: Design of a Randomized Clinical Trial to evaluate a coping intervention for medical waiting periods used by women undergoing a fertility treatment

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Minor Essential Revision

Very interesting design and an important issue for developing care focused on self helping. Very well written. I just have a few points of my concern:

Abstract: please clarify the four arms more specific. You write three-armed however in the manuscript you have added one more group= four armed.

There are a lot of instruments to choose between regarding anxiety. If anxiety is the primary outcome, why do you not use a more specific instrument for anxiety (STAI for example)?

Method: Please refer to Table I. It is good that you can follow the reasons for having four group however it is a little confusing to understand the differencies without having Table I in front of you.

Sample size: To test the difference in psychological wellbeing..........You should may be calculate on your primary outcome= anxiety / HAD.

Randomization: What happen if the patients do contact you/staff during the waiting period?

Figure 1 flow chart: Add in the chart the assessments T1, T2 and T3 as well to make the points for assessments clear.

Figure 3 not important

Best regards
Agneta Skoog Svanberg

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the
statistics.

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