Reviewer's report

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

This article was very clearly written. My main concern is the small sample size and the use of inferential statistics to analyze the data. Because the power is so low, I would recommend just looking at the descriptive statistics and commenting on what they show. If clinical significance is used to assess the impact of the intervention implied by the descriptive statistics, it would be important to state how it was defined. Another value of the study which the authors might note is how the observed effect sizes could be used to calculate required sample sizes for future studies. I am always grateful to get tips on ways to improve large studies by the results of pilot-type research.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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.