Reviewer's report

**Title:** How do multi-stage, multi-arm trials compare to the traditional two-arm parallel group design - a reanalysis of 4 trials

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**Reviewer:** Stephen John Walters

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The paper is well written and presented but of limited interest.

The question posed by the authors is well defined.

The methods appear to be appropriate and are well described, and sufficient details have been provided to replicate the work.

The data are sound and well controlled.

The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.

The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

None