Reviewer’s report

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The authors have responded comprehensively to the reviewers queries and all the changes made are appropriate and have improved the clarity of the paper. One further statistical issue – the authors state that they will use Last Observation Carried Forward (LOCF) for missing scans. This technique for dealing with missing data makes strong assumptions about the missing data mechanism (missing completely at random) so it would be useful to check whether the findings are robust to this assumption in the analysis via some appropriate sensitivity analyses.