Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Andrew Vickers

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I have re-reviewed the manuscript. The authors should be asked to consider two points:

a) More of their responses need to be incorporated in the text. Instead of just saying “we thought a one-sided p value is fine” in the rebuttal letter, they need to add something to the paper itself. The points I raised are substantive and need to be addressed in the text of the paper.

b) I urge the authors to reconsider their main analysis, which involves waiting for five years after treatment of the final patient. This is very unusual and seems like an undue delay to publish results. At the minimum, they need to write an explicit justification for this very unusual decision.