Reviewer's report

Title: Anger management for people with mild to moderate learning disabilities: Study protocol for a multi-centre phase 3 cluster randomized controlled trial of a manualized intervention delivered by day-service staff

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- I'd like to see:

  1. more discussion of the reasons for choosing a cluster randomised design
  2. more detail about the provocation index (PI). This is the primary outcome but I would like to know a bit more about what a PI score means (and what it consists of)
  3. I understand why they call this a "phase 3" trial, but I'm not sure this needs to be put in the title unless they summarize phases 1 and 2 - this isn't really part of a formal treatment development programme
  4. I couldn't work out when the participants in the control group will be getting the intervention as implied by "waiting list" - is it simply TAU?