Reviewer's report

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The authors have done a good job of revising their paper. However, the randomization section remains vague. The authors have to specify step-by-step procedures to prevent researchers guessing allocation before a patient is unambiguously registered on study or changing allocation after registration. A vague reference to an excel spreadsheet being password protected is insufficient.

Examples of detailed descriptions of allocation concealment can be found at www.consort-statement.org or http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17022927