Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Charlie Goldsmith

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I have now had a chance to read over the responses from the authors and reread the revised manuscript.

In general, the replies from the authors are sensible and have been well implemented.

However, in rereading the manuscript, I do have a set of issues that the authors should attend to before we accept the paper.

I think they are easy to attend to, so I should not need to see it again, unless you have a question.

Recommendation; Accept subject to the authors seeing and dealing with the attached issues.

1. P(age) 5, p(aragraph) 2, l(ine) 4. Delete in order in front of to as the words are redundant in English.

2. P 25 and 26. R(eference)s 6 and 15 should include the Cochrane CD numbers.

3. P 29, R 35 needs a date.

4. P 29, R 39 should use the name as Harrell FE Jr.