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Overall, it is well-written and contains the necessary information. One area that should be clarified is the lost-to-follow-up/missing data. The authors indicate that the necessary sample size is 140, but because they expect about 30% attrition, they will randomize 200. There is a discussion of handling small amounts of missing items within individual scales (page 18), but not how the complete absence (or large absence) of data from as much as 30% of the participants will be handled. How will they conduct an intention-to-treat analysis with that much missing information? Also, the authors say that the study will be complete in June, 2012. Is it indeed completed? If so, what is the status of a results publication?