Reviewer's report

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I have only one comment:

The authors have appropriately adjusted for the two co-primary endpoints in the sample size calculations. However adjustment for this source of multiplicity must also be done in the statistical analysis. Some indication as to how this will be done should be provided.