Reviewer's report

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It is well-written and contains most of the items necessary for a trial protocol. I have just two comments.

a) Because this is a pilot study, it would be helpful to have a little more information as to how it fits in the overall research plans. What kinds of findings, for example, would lead the researchers to undertake (or not undertake) a full-scale trial?

b) The expected time of completion of enrollment should be included in the Trial Status section.