Reviewer's report

Title: Comparison of Drug-Eluting Balloon first and then bare metal stent with drug-eluting stent for treatment of de novo lesions (DEB first): A randomized controlled single center clinical trial

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I don't understand the reason for designing a non inferiority trial rather than a superiority. It would not be unethical to provide stronger evidence. Furthermore in the sample size section I get the impression that there are three treatment arms. This needs to be re written.

The non inferioriy design may be appropriate but it shown be acknowledged as a limitation

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

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