Reviewer's report

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I have reviewed this protocol manuscript. It is well-written and contains the necessary information. I have two comments/questions: First, the section on Randomisation and allocation concealment mentions that there will be block sizes of 6. In a single blinded trial, it is unfortunate that this information is known to the investigators. How will allocation concealment be maintained for the last (and perhaps final two or three) participant within each block? Second, the Trial status should be updated. Is enrollment complete?