Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Beatrice Beck-Schimmer

Reviewer's report:

The authors have properly addressed the reviewer's comments. It is suggested that the details provided by the authors in the letter about enrolling the 'pilot study' into the large trial could be mentioned in the manuscript as well.

Good luck!

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

no competing interests