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My only question concerns the statement (bottom of page 16) that those participants found to be ineligible after randomization will not be included in the intention-to-treat analysis, but the middle of page 27 would suggest at all randomized will be included. True ITT would include even those found to be ineligible.

The Trial Status section (page 33) might be updated. Is there an expected date of completion?