Reviewer's report

Title: Lessons and implications from a mass immunization campaign in squatter settlements of Karachi, Pakistan: an experience from a cluster-randomized double-blinded controlled trial [NCT00125047]

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Thank you for letting me see this manuscript again.

I now only have the following comments:

1. The authors have responded in detail to the comments about sample size, but they do not address the potential impact the low recruiting will have on chances to make conclusions on the trial. I still suggest that this issue should be shortly addressed in the Discussion section.

2. If trials sponsors had no role in this trial apart from donating vaccines or money for conducting the trial, why should sponsor representatives sign the protocol (appendix A, Ethical approval)?

3. P 18, line 2: 'was not seen.' ought to read 'was seen.'

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions