Reviewer's report

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It's fine for you to go ahead and accept this. I would however note that the authors have not fully responded to the following points:

1. When I asked "How, precisely, were the randomization strata defined (these could be displayed in a table or depicted in a figure)?", I was hoping that the authors would display the randomization strata and the areas within these allocated to C or M. This has not been done, although the addition of a CONSORT-type flow chart is Figure 2 is welcome. Figure 1 is not clearly labelled.

2. The authors have now stated the primary outcome that will be used. However they have provided no information about other planned outcome measures.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions