Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Heidemarie Haller

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Again, I would like to thank the authors for the revision of their manuscript.

I am fine with most of the changes, but would suggest adding information of the 10th patient, who was lost before randomization, to the results and the flow chart.

Moreover, the authors should restructure the secondary outcome section (page 7 and 8) and should describe only the outcomes as secondary, which were planned as secondary outcomes.

Pain, lacrimation, and sensations should be described below a distinct subheading (safety outcomes or process outcomes or something like that).

According to this, the abstract and the results should be restructures as well.

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