Reviewer’s report

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I confess I am disappointed that the authors chose (for the most part) to simply set aside discussion of the ethical issues, rather than engage its intersection in light of their important methodological points. But I recognize that ethics is not the focus here and appreciate the softening of the language on the supposed ethical or patient advantages from adaptive trials. So I am satisfied with these changes.

Additional minor comments:

Line 51-53: This new sentence is confusingly worded.
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