Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of dose reduction vs. standard dosing for maintenance of remission in patients with spondyloarthritis and clinical remission with anti-TNF (REDES-TNF): study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Reviewer: Kent Johnson

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According to the letter detailing the responses, the article is much improved; however, there are a number of incomplete editing aspects.

a) Although the letter says a sentence beginning with “If the remission rate of dose reduction …” has been added in the Statistical Analysis / Inferential Analysis on p 9 (appears to be p 10 of the revised draft), I cannot find it in the revised draft. I assume this was just an oversight. Please ensure that this is corrected. This should be considered a compulsory revision but should be easily corrected.

b) Regarding the added paragraph (which is on pp14-15 of the revised draft) beginning with “The study has a number of potential limitations…”: I think this paragraph is a valuable addition to the discussion. Note about 2/3 of the way into the paragraph a redundant use of language: “their predictive value in predicting”.

Otherwise, the responses and text changes are all satisfactory.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.