Reviewer’s report

Title: The effectiveness of VIPP-V parenting training for parents of young children with a visual or visual-and-intellectual disability: Study protocol of a multicenter randomized controlled trial

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Compulsory Revisions:

Trial Registration: With respect to parents with a disability- this is listed as an exclusion criteria when the trial was registered but not in the protocol, one or the other should be amended to reflect this change

Page 5, study population
8 coaches and 15 workers training to use VIPP-V seems a lot for a population of 50 patients receiving the intervention, further description of the training received should be provided so that readers can assess the homogeneity of the intervention received across those administering.

Page 7, blinding
“researcher coding and analyzing the data will be blinded…” this is unclear, do the authors mean that the outcome assessor will be blinded to the intervention?

Page 5, Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria
Minor comment: The WHO standards for defining visual impairment should be referenced

Page 9, Care-as-usual
It may be due to reporting, but it’s my understanding that the authors are not clear on what usual care is at the sites. If they do know what usual care looks like, it should be described as clearly as the intervention is. If they do not, the authors need to address more fully how they intend to compare the intervention and usual care groups more thoroughly, especially when usual care and the intervention are not dissimilar. I feel the need for reassurance in the text that the usual care group and the intervention group are distinct.

Page 14, data analysis
No mention of how the analysis will be adjusted for if there is baseline imbalance. There is no mention of stopping rules or interim analyses, even if not applicable this should be explicitly stated.

Minor comments:
Page 13, measure of control variables
Minor comment- first sentence is grammatically incorrect

Page 13, sample size calculation
Minor comment- The last sentence of this section could be in the section below

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests