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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The authors have clarified this protocol a lot. In this version, the primary outcome is described in a very satisfactory way. However, I believe it is mandatory that the authors “un-exclude” the outcomes excluded, especially as this is the study protocol.

Major compulsory

The authors state that they excluded two outcomes from the manuscript (emotional availability and early social communication. This is not possible as these outcomes have been collected (knowing that data collection is ongoing/finished). Excluding them “simply” would lead to outcome reporting bias in the study protocol (and probably in final publication)! These outcomes should now be secondary outcomes. The authors should also notify about how outcomes were changed from primary to secondary during the course of the study.

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I declare that I have no competing interests