Reviewer’s report

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I'm happy with the amendments and have no further comments.

Just a note: I'm a bit disappointed by the authors' reply to my previous item #5. To me, it doesn't seem to be a big deal to compare prospectively and retrospectively registered trials and check a) what the primary outcome was and whether this was changed and then b) whether the primary outcome was significant or not. Anyway, I leave it to the Editor whether this should be pursued. The same applies to selective outcome reporting (mentioned by Reviewer #4)

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