Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Felix Hüttner

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The revisions that have been made to the manuscript, have substantially improved the clarity of procedures within this interesting trial. Nearly all comments raised by the reviewers have been addressed sufficiently by the authors. Some issues with the trial design remain (e.g. initial comments #15 and #18), however, these cannot be changed since the trial is already recruiting for quite a while.

In my opinion, the manuscript and can be accepted after few minor corrections:

- There is an ambiguity between the description of trial visits in the text (six visits: Screening, surgery, 1 week, 6 months, 12 months and 24 months) and the figure/table (seven visits: Screening, surgery, POD 1-6, 1 week, 6 months, 12 months and 24 months). Please adjust the text to the figure/table or the other way round to avoid ambiguities.

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