Reviewer’s report

Title: Community-based interventions to prevent serious complications following spinal cord injury in Bangladesh: the CIVIC trial statistical analysis plan

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General comment: Very good paper. Just some points needed to be more clear.

Comment 1: On page 7, lines 2-5: "The allocation sequence was ... command in Stata." It's Ok, but this does not inform us about the allocation ratio. Please provide more information about allocation ratio in this section. NB: It is in the flow chart that one can understand that is 1:1

Comment 2: Page 10. Concerning your first outcome analysis. It not clear the co-variables that you want to adjust for and why. Please provide any explanation on that point.

Comment 3: On page 11, "Sensitivity analyses: Additional testing will be conducted using:a Cox model adjusted for level of lesion (tetraplegia or paraplegia)". Since your randomisation sequence was done using level of lesion, and that "level of lesion" could not be a confounding variable anymore (if the randomisation was successfully done), What will be the aim of this sensitivity analysis?

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