Reviewer's report

**Title:** Protocol for a pragmatic randomised controlled trial to evaluate effects of a brief intervention for emergency department attendees who present with moderate and high levels of non-specific psychological distress

**Version:** 6  **Date:** 14 January 2015

**Reviewer:** Tracy Stecker

**Reviewer's report:**

The manuscript reads much clearer now. My only problem with the current draft of the manuscript is that data are not yet available, making it difficult to determine whether or not this publication would contribute much to the field. The decision of whether to accept this manuscript is clearly for the journal to make. As a reviewer, the manuscript clearly proposes what the researchers will do and why; however, it is unclear how this would help other researchers make informed decisions about their own work.