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The manuscript entitled “Feasibility of a Tapering Opioids Prescription Program for Trauma Patients at High Risk of Chronic Consumption (TOPP-Trauma): Protocol for a Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial” is a study protocol for a feasibility trial that has yet to take place. The subject of this trial is of major importance and may reach a broad audience. However, the content of the manuscript is a bit confusing as it mixes up concepts from feasibility trails and full clinical trials.

The introduction does not provide background on the development of the TOPP-Trauma protocol and on its relationship with the iPACT-E-Trauma protocol. It is unclear which the intervention components are and why they were chosen.

It is unclear on which phase of development the TOPP-trauma protocol is. Has it been tested in other populations? Is it in its final format or there is still room for improvements in its format that may be altered after the results of a feasibility trial?

Methodology is based on efficacy clinical trials. The aim of using an underpowered comparator at this point is unclear.

These are major issues that need to be addressed before publication.

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