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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This appears to be a well conceived and well conducted RCT. The authors were unfortunate to experience a considerable drop-out till the end of the trial (26 weeks), however, they correctly refrained from making any inference based on the 26-week data. I have only one minor comment: Formal statistical test for comparisons of randomized patients at baseline are unnecessary and actually a poor practice - this should not be done. Explanation can be found in the Consort Statement <http://www.consort-statement.org/checklists/view/32--consort-2010/510-baseline-dat>

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