

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

**The relationship between perioperative anaemia and outcomes in older people with hip fractures: A systematic review and meta-analysis protocol**

Please find attached our manuscript describing a study protocol for a systematic review and meta-analysis to evaluate the relationship between perioperative anaemia and outcomes in older people with hip fractures. Perioperative anaemia and hip fractures are important inter-related health issues in older people. This systematic review will enable us to better understand the interaction between perioperative anaemia and outcomes after hip fracture surgery. One potential way to improve outcomes after hip fractures is to better manage anaemia in patients with hip fractures.

We believe this study will be of interest to clinicians involved in the care of older adults who sustain hip fractures. This review is intended to be more comprehensive than previous ones.

This manuscript, including related data, figures and tables has not been previously published and is not under consideration elsewhere. All authors listed on the manuscript have made substantial contributions to all of the following: (1) the conception and design of the study; (2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and (3) final approval of the submitted article.

We are grateful for the consideration of this manuscript for publication in the World Journal of Meta-Analysis. We look forward to hearing from you about the review outcome of this manuscript, in the near future.