



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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| Language quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection |
| Conclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection |
| Re-review | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting systematic review and meta-analysis that aimed to evaluate the efficacy and safety of tacrolimus and mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) and the quality of evidence by using the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation approach (GRADE). Overall the manuscript is well written; please revise carefully the English language and check throughout the text for spelling errors (e.g. first line of the discussion “compromising”). The Methods section is clear and well described. Tables are detailed and helpful for the readers. I would include further discussion in the conclusion paragraph on the future direction and perspectives.



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I revised the manuscript entitled "Efficacy of tacrolimus and mycophenolate mofetil as second-line treatment in autoimmune hepatitis: Is the evidence of sufficient quality to develop recommendations?" The manuscript is interesting and well written. I have no comments.



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The authors performed a good meta-analysis regarding the evaluation of the efficacy and safety of tacrolimus and mycophenolate mofetil as second-line treatments in AIH. There is an error in Figure 1 (Flow diagram of articles retrieved by our systematic literature search).