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Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: - In title, there is no suggestion to meta-analysis, please revise it to be more informative. - Abstract should be presented within subsections i.e. background, method, results, as well as

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Response: Thanks for the reviewer's good suggestion. (1), We have revised the title of this study as suggested. (2) Abstract have been presented within subsections i.e. background, method, results, as well as conclusion. (3) Keywords have also been presented after abstract. (4) The Newcastle–Ottawa Quality Assessment scale could be used as quality appraisal in epidemiologic study (PMID: 32132049; PMID: 33091065; PMID: 25622255 and PMID: 33775848). Thus, in this meta-analysis, we used The Newcastle–Ottawa Quality Assessment scale to assess the quality of the included studies. And the results were presented in 'Table 2'. (5) The restrictions of relevant previous meta-analysis studies have been discussed in related section—No.2 paragraph of discussion. (6) Conclusions have been presented in the last paragraph of discussion. (7) Meanwhile, we have asked native speakers to polish up the revised manuscript.

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