

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: The number of patients stated, 2780, is the maximum number, but was fewer for most of the parameters. Statistical analysis results of each parameter are provided with p value, but n [number of patients in that analysis] should be added every place that the data is written; in abstract, results and discussion. The reason is that each parameter has a different n, because the number of publications that provided such data is variable. Information about which studies included which parameters is in figures 2 and 3, but it should be made more explicit and obvious by provision of n each time.

Response:

We sincerely thank the Reviewer for evaluating our manuscript and providing these valuable comments.

1. "The number of patients stated, 2780, is the maximum number, but was fewer for most of the parameters."

Indeed, 2780 is maximum number, and the n numbers varied for each parameters.

For preciseness, we have specified the number of patients for each of the parameters.

2. "Statistical analysis results of each parameter are provided with p value, but n [number of patients in that analysis] should be added every place that the data is written; in abstract, results and discussion. The reason is that each parameter has a different n, because the number of publications that provided such data is variable."

We have added the n in relevant places that the data is written such as abstract and results.

3. "Information about which studies included which parameters is in figures 2 and 3, but it should be made more explicit and obvious by provision of n each time."

We have also provided n for each parameter in the text associated with figures 2 and 3.