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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors critically appraised and observed several deficits of the analysed studies in



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the Cochrane review by Kidane. This is a paper from a lesser point of view, and they again demonstrates the importance of critically examining even meta-analysis or review that seems to be credible in major journal. I am not a statistician, but I think it will be one of the interesting papers for the wide readers.

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