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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review again for your journal. The manuscript is very well written but needs some corrections to be acceptable for publication: 1- This is a prognostic meta-analysis and Newcastle-Ottawa checklist is not appropriate for quality assessment. I recommend using Oxford Center for Evidence Based Medicine checklist for prognostic studies. 2- The authors based their analyses method (fixed or random effects models) on the amount of heterogeneity. It is not methodologically correct and I do recommend to perform analyses all by random effects model. 3- please change fixed effects model to fixed effect model   Best wishes, Ramin Sadeghi

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Very well written review. Just I wanted to make sure whether random effect model has been used if I2>50%. If the authors' cohort has been published with all the data, it cannot be published again besides this meta-analysis.