

Biostatistics statement:

The final author Dr. Raveendran is an expert in Biomedical Statistics with an MS degree. Dr Raveendran evaluated the statistical method(s) used in the study, including but not limited to the meta analysis, sensitivity analysis and meta regression. The review by the biomedical statistician (Dr Raveendran) was conducted with respect to the following points: (1) Statistical methods are adequately and appropriately described when they are used to verify the results; (2) Whether the statistical techniques are suitable or correct.



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