

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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#### **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 conclusion. - Core tip is missing. - Keywords should be presented after abstract. - The Newcastle-Ottawa Quality Assessment scale is applicable for clinical trials. the Joanna Briggs Institute checklist should be used for quality appraisal. - Please discuss about restrictions of relevant previous meta-analysis studies. - Conclusion was missing, the author should specified an objective conclusion.

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The study presents high quality and deals with important clinical issue, such type of study is needed. I have only few small remarks that authors should address properly. I recommend to accept the manuscript after minor revision. There are only some points to correct: - please provide the list of abbreviations • - introduction and discussion section need improvement; please provide information on how your results will translate into clinical practice; - in discussion section please provide study strong points and study limitation section - please correct typos All abovementioned issues are crucial for the credibility of the results. The paper can be accepted only after addressing all the issues and another subsequent review. I recommend to accept the manuscript after minor revision.