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**Reviewer's code:** 00227375

**Reviewer's country:** Japan

**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

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SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an excellent systematic review about the multimodality imaging studies of bioresorbable vascular scaffolds. This manuscript is nicely structured and well written. I have no question about this manuscript.



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The paper is a systematic review of transient scaffold associated arterial remodeling. Overall I found the paper extremely well written and well carried out. 1. The title identifies this as a systematic review but may be too long. 2. Abstract: The abstract is



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structured, states the objectives, and states the main conclusions. It does not state the inclusion/exclusion criteria, databases searched or methods for quality assessment. 3. Methods: The paper does give sufficient detail on how the study was conducted including databases, search criteria, and dates. Two reviewers carried out the searches independently and did not mention a third to judge discrepancies. Inclusion and exclusion criteria were explicitly stated. The author judged study quality using standard criteria. Primary and secondary objectives were clearly stated and the data would be available from the reports. Statistical analysis is well described except that handling of missing data was not considered. Given the nature of the analysis individual patient level data was not available. 4. Results. The paper did not provide a flow diagram of the abstracted data as recommended. Tables were provided that described trial size, intervention, etc. 5. Discussion: The reviewers appeared to be fair but complete in their analysis. They importantly identify the limitations of the data available, particularly the short term follow up and lack of hard endpoints. This study highlights the limitations in our knowledge.

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