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Comments	Resposns of Authors
Abstract	We have changed the abstract to meet your standards and to reduce the number of words. The word count is now 206. However, the exact criteria you appointed in your query are not exactly met is that a problem?
Statements	We have added the requested statements and listed them in first few pages of the manuscript.
Core Tip and Summary	Added the summary below the abstract and also made an audio core tip.
Reference numbers in front of full stop	In the complete manuscript we have changed the position of the reference number.
Comments	We have inserted the requested comments section.
References	We have added the PMID and DOI behind the references in the requested format.
Reviewer's code: 00505434 This systemic review is limited by the nature of study but well performed and analyzed. There was a few typos/grammar errors which are fixable.	Thank you for your comment. We have critically checked the manuscript for typos/grammar errors.
Reviewer's code: 00505859 Several corrections: Discussion, first paragraph, 7th line - "favored" not "favorable" 2nd paragraph, first line, place "," after "question" 2nd paragraph, third and fourth lines, delete "with this fact on the back of the mind, it could be postulated that" 2nd paragraph, 7th line, place "did" in front of "significantly" Last paragraph of discussion, 4th line, replace "however" with "but"	Thank you for comment. We made the requested changes in the manuscript. The changes are highlighted in the text.
Reviewer's code: 03069301 This is a very interesting topic. In the text it should be included that search was concentrated to papers in English, German and Dutch (it is in Table 1 but would be very helpful to write it also in the	Thank you for your concise review. We have included the statement about the language of the included papers. We have extensively looked at the other variables, however we did not find any other useful information. We have checked the included articles for the

<p>text). There are lacks of variables analysis (age, physical activity, symptoms duration, etc.): that is very important, as since conclusions were fully expectable, a richer discussion on variables would give more useful information.</p>	<p>mean age. All studies state the patients' mean age. However, they differ minimally between the included studies and there was not a trend in the results. None of the included studies had information on the physical activity of the patients. All but one (Rubenthaler et al) study presented data on the duration of symptoms. There was a difference between the studies. However, there were no differences between the treatments. Therefore this gave us no additional information. We have included all of the requested information in the characteristics table. Furthermore we looked at the dominance and male: female ratios, there was not any differences between the studies. So unfortunately this additional search did not provide us any additional information.</p>
<p>Reviewer's code: 02699853 Congratulations for a very interesting and well planned study.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>