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Reviewer #2 (Dr. Moppett)

Discretionary Revisions

1. I have revised our manuscript to reflect the reviewer’s concerns as recommended. First, I changed the methods to indicate that we didn’t include meta-analyses because these studies do not include new “empirical” data. I also mentioned, as suggested by the reviewer, that we used this approach because we were trying to be consistent with the methods of previous investigations (Feneck et al, 2008). Finally, I added a sentence in the limitations section in which I mention the reviewer’s view that meta-analyses may be becoming a more important part of medical research.

My co-author and I are also not involved with research using meta-analysis, so we have no conflict of interest concerning this issue.