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I read their paper and found they changed their methods to make their paper much better than before. Overall, I am satisfied with the changes they made. But I still found two small mistakes.

1, this paper said “consent of ethics committee, patient informed consent” could influence the quality of clinical trials. Does this have adequate scientific evidence? And could they supply enough information? (in this section “Assessment of reporting quality of key methodological items”)

2, in the table 2 & 4, North America, Europe, Asia are not countries, although they said they are regions in text. So they must correct them.

Thank you very much and best wishes for you.