Reviewer's report

Title: Variable-stiffness colonoscope makes colonoscope easier? A meta-analysis of the efficacy compared variable stiffness colonoscope with standard adult colonoscope

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Overall a well done meta-analysis.

Minor

There are few spelling errors that need to be corrected (eg word ' Studie")

Major

In the conclusion the authors report a higher cecal intubation rate ( RR 1.03).
They should explain how this translates clinically in clinical practice. This is clinically meaningful finding.

Author indicate they did a sentivity analysis to explore heterogenity. They need to expand on this and explain what they found and how they can explain the heterogenity.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'