Reviewer's report

Title: "Treatment of acute pancreatitis with protease inhibitors: an updated systematic review and meta-analysis."

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Reviewer: Rakesh Kochhar

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Major revisions
1 Sensitivity analysis of low risk of bias studies may be added along with a Forrest plot
2 It will be better if pooled risk differences with CI are given for all outcome measures in text and not only for death
3 Para 1 on page 22 is difficult to comprehend. Additionally the authors have clubbed 3 things together: industrial support, sample size calculation and outcome. However description of each is incomplete and quite mixed up.
4 The quality of evidence was evaluated by Jadad score and GRADE system. Description of this should come in methods. Currently its done in results section directly.
5 It is not clear how articles were excluded by secondary evaluation. They have also included one abstract in their analysis. I am not sure if that is right.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests'