Reviewer's report

Title: Meta-analysis of prophylactic corticosteroid use in post-ERCP pancreatitis

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Reviewer: Alberto Mariani

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Only minor language corrections:

To do the following corrections

a) in the conclusion of the abstract: Corticosteroids cannot prevent pancreatic injury after ERCP. Therefore, their use in the prophylaxis of PEP is not recommended.

b) in the last three lines of the discussion: Therefore, further studies with the standard administration of cortecosteroids in ERCP are needed to provide solid evidence regarding its effectiveness in the prevention of post-ERCP pancreatitis.

c) in the conclusion (corrections in the last two lines): Therefore, the use of corticosteroids in the prophylaxis of PEP is not routinely recommended.

What next?: Accept without revision

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

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.