Reviewer's report

Title: Adjunctive corticosteroids for Pneumocystis jiroveci pneumonia in patients with HIV infection: a meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials

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General
This is a concise and well written paper. The analysis and presentation is straight-forward and the conclusions sound.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
The authors might add in the discussion that a proven beneficial effect of early antiretroviral therapy during acute PCP awaits the results of controlled clinical trials, i.e. available data is from observational studies. Therefore the NNT may be biased.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests