Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Corticosteroid and antiviral therapy for Bell palsy: A network meta-analyses

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A meta-regression on 3 studies cannot provide reliable results, pleased omit it. The same applies for NNT/NNH.

There is not enough replication for each treatment effect. Thus, combine the data from direct and indirect comparisons based on pooled RE ORs (see Song). Then, compare the findings with those of the mixed effects model.

**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'