Reviewer's report

Title: A Meta-analysis of the Randomized Controlled Trials on Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy for Gastric Cancer

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Reviewer: Jian-Kun Hu

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Hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy is a potentially effective therapy for serosa-positive gastric cancer patients. However, its effectiveness hasn't been definitively concluded, so this systematic review and meta-analysis is fairly interesting.

In the methodology, authors included only randomized controlled trials, and therefore Risk Ratios (RRs) should be the proper effect size rather than Odds Ratios (ORs). Recalculation of RRs is advised.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

None competing interests to declare.