Reviewer’s report

Title: Physical and psychosocial benefits of yoga in cancer patients and survivors, a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials.

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Discretionary Revisions:
First sentence abstract background "We aimed"...possibly "The review's intention"...just sounds awkward.
Consider eliminating the first person language to more closely match standard review 3rd person? (no, "we" etc).

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Overall this study is well organized, well written and consistent with previous studies. The author’s discussion and conclusions are appropriately supported by the data and reflect the overall trend while clearly outlining limitations, generalizations and the need for much more study.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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 Financial competing interests. I do own a yoga-based rehabilitation clinic and teach continuing professional education about yoga. I am also an expert legal witness in yoga injury cases, for both plaintiffs and defendants. I’ve done both of these since 1998 when there was little evidence and believe my dual background as a physical therapist balances my perspective.