Reviewer’s report

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Minor essential revisions:

1. The authors should define their search period more clearly, instead of writing "The literature search was conducted before January-29 2013" they should state exactly which period from...to...was covered.

2. The authors state that "When necessary, the corresponding author of the paper was contacted to retrieve additional information." Please briefly state for which study additional information has been given by the original study authors and what kind of information.

3. Please assess the quality of each study, even if you don’t use this information for the analysis which I agree has significant limitations but it is important information for the reader.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

No conflicts