Reviewer's report

Title: Efficacy and safety of Suanzaoren decoction for primary insomnia: A systematic review of randomized controlled trials

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The authors have made a great effort on revising the manuscript. The conclusion is now coherent with the evidence identified. The study addresses probably the most famous TCM formula for insomnia. It would be of great interest to most TCM practitioners and sleep researchers. I recommend to accept this manuscript after a minor revision, and correction of some spelling mistakes (e.g. larazepam, estazolame).

The only issue that I think the authors may need to look at is:

Discretionary Revisions

In 4.2 Limitation, the authors stated that “No study outside of China …. However, no regional difference was found, which would suggest that the findings are applicable to other regions.”, but it seems that no comparison on regional difference was performed in the Results section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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