Reviewer's report

Title: Chinese herbal medicine Guizhi Fuling Formula for treatment of uterine fibroids: a systematic review of randomised clinical trials

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This meta-analysis is to assess the efficacy and safety of Guizhi Fuling Formula for uterine fibroids. According to the authors, this formula is commonly used in China for treatment of uterine fibroids and therefore there are a lot of studies using this formula were conducted. It is not certain if the same formula has been used in other countries for treating uterine fibroids.

The manuscript can be improved if the following points are taken into consideration.

Introduction
Page 3 Line 16: ‘significantly are not compatible with reproduction [7]’ should be ‘may affect fertility’ [Minor Essential Revisions]
Page 3 Line 20: ‘by an famous” should be ‘by a famous’ [Minor Essential Revisions]

Results
Page 6 Para 3: the number of recruited studies should be stated in text. [Minor Essential Revisions]
Page 7 Para 3: Only 50% of studies reported the method of measuring the volume of uterine fibroids. As the primary outcome parameter is volume of the fibroids, it is impossible to assess the quality of papers without this information. The authors should be contacted for details. If no further details can be obtained, these studies should be deleted from the analysis. [Major Compulsory Revisions]
Page 9 Para 2: Twenty eight trials are in this comparison, and they applied different methods to measure the volume of uterine fibroids. The methods to measure the volume of uterine fibroids should be clarified and stated in the text clearly. Or the authors wanted to state different ways to represent the volume of uterine fibroids such as the total volume, the maximal volume etc. [Minor Essential Revisions]

Discussion
Page 12 Line 1: replace ‘manifested’ with ‘showed’ [Minor Essential Revisions]
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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 interest