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We would like to thank the reviewers for their further comments. We have revised the article in accordance with the reviewers’ comments.

Reviewer 1

Reviewer 1 did not make any suggestions.

Reviewer 2

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. We have replaced "focussed” with “focused”.
2. We note now in the material and methods section that “It was possible that some studies published in lower visibility journals not indexed in major databases were missed.”
3. We have replaced “associate professor” with “adjunct professor” in Table 1.
4. We agree with the referee and we have moved the sentence addressing the shortcomings after the description of the level of technical quality.
5. We have revised this text to read “No instructions were available for supervisors.”
6. We have replaced "programmes” with “programs”.

Formatting changes

We now use initials to refer to each author's contribution.