Reviewer's report

Title: Endorsement for improving the quality of reports on randomized controlled trials of traditional medicine journals in Korea: A systematic review

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1. The authors’ opinion is not novel, some similar researches have been published.


2. The English in this article needs heavy editing. There are some spelling and grammar mistakes, for example:
In Abstract, “Twenty-nigh RCTs…”
In two places, CONSORT was written as CONSROT
In Results, “STRICTA 2010 for acupuncture interventions trials”
“This journal was commonly the CONSORT guideline…”

3. In “Selection of studies for analysis” section, in 105 candidate articles, authors excluded case studies (1 trial), review articles (11 trials), I think if the articles were case studies or review articles, they were not trials.

4. The authors indicated that only one journal referred to reporting guidelines in its instruction to authors, but in some place, it is “Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Medicine Society”, in other place, it is “Journal of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society”. Please check it.

5. In Discussion section, authors indicated that “29 parallel RCTs (27.6%) of the 105 assessed did not report…..”, the 29 RCTs were selected from the 105 articles and included for assessment, so I think this percentage (27.6%) is meaningless.

6. I think the first limitation that authors described is not this study’ limitation, it is the study’ finding.

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:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.