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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This paper systematically reviewed the Korean TM journals to assess the endorsement of reporting guidelines using CONSORT-NPT and STRICTA checklists. This topic is very interesting and important.

Major Compulsory Revisions#

1. The rationale to only use CONSORT-NPT and STRICTA checklists rather than other CONSORT group’s checklists is not very clear.
2. The big problem of this study was that 1/36 journals may not be representative and only 29 RCTs were retrieved for assessing. What about the other type of trials? For example, it should also be assessed using CARE guidelines to evaluate case report quality or SPIRIT to assess the published protocol.
3. In general, this review addressed some key issues on the reporting quality of clinical trials of Korean TM. It should further analyze the reasons of such conditions and more discussion on how to improve the quality is needed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.