Reviewer's report

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The authors have answered all questions to my satisfaction and revised their manuscript accordingly. After reviewing the manuscript once more, there are only a few points remaining:

The GRADE evidence profiles (table 2 and 3) include relative effect estimates that were derived from the meta-analyses given in figure 1. However, for the first outcome “clinical remission” (table 2), the RR is quoted to be 1.42 (0.95 to 2.11), whereas the forest plot (fig. 1Aa) shows a RR of 1.47 (1.07 to 2.02). Correspondingly, “clinical remission” (table 3) shows a RR of 1.28 (0.92 to 1.76), whereas the forest plot (fig. 1Ba) shows a RR of 1.31 (0.93 to 1.83). Please correct.