Reviewer's report

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The authors have done a very nice job addressing the questions, comments and suggestions from reviewers. This is reflected in a more thorough discussion of the limitations of this particular meta-analysis.

The following statements from the discussion are a bit confusing (page 11): "Potential bias may be introduced by lower quality studies with sampling bias; however, as discussed previously, this trend may also be related to the fact that these "low" quality studies were mostly clinical studies that diagnosed HV rather than relying on self-report data."

The revised manuscript is generally well-written and important limitations discussed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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 interests'