Reviewer's report

Title: Data extraction from machine-translated versus original language randomized trials: a comparative study

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The authors made appropriate revisions to the manuscript. I still have some reservations about the tone of the conclusions (some may argue the authors are sitting on the fence!) but I generally accept the balanced and cautious discussion. Ultimately, potential readers can choose their preferred option regarding the use of translation softwares in SRs based on the evidence presented.

I have one additional major compulsory revision suggestion:

The conclusions section in the abstract states that “pending additional data”. The body of the text does not appear to substantiate this. Are the authors referring to need for additional research, for example replication with other translation tools, and/or with larger samples? In any case the main body of the paper needs to be more specific about what is meant here.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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