Reviewer's report

Title: Thoracic Epidural analgesia on Oxygenation and pulmonary Shunt Fraction during One-lung Ventilation: A meta-Analysis

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Major:
1. In my first review, I have asked for a figure showing the relative changes in each study. Now we have on figure regarding the shunt during OLV. It is interesting that only two studies (except the "historical" one of Garutti) have resulted the difference against the TEA.
I still do not think that a difference of 166.9 vs 171.2 mmHg can be clinically relevant; even if it is statistically significant.
I suggest to change the conclusion of the manuscript to "insufficient data".
This is the only (but very major) critic that I still have...

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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'