Reviewer’s report

Title: Effect of pocket irrigation with antimicrobial on prevention of pacemaker pocket infection: a Meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Matteo Serenelli

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This is an interesting meta-analysis, simple work and well done. I suggest some minor changes.

- Some typographic errors are present.

- Please attach as supplemental online material the PRISMA checklist.

- At page 5, row 3, you wrote that "pacemakers are the unique effective way to treat bradycardia arrhythmia" which is not true because ICD and CRT both may perform as pacemakers.

- You also state "ICD and CRT are effective strategies for sudden death and heart failure", i suggest you to change it into "ICD and CRT are effective strategies to prevent sudden death and heart failure".

- In the statistical analysis paragraph you said the you use a significance level of P<0.1 rather than 0.05 for the I2 statistic test and the Cochrane Q-test, can you explain why?

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