Reviewer’s report

Title: Effects of preventive use of compression stockings for elderly with chronic venous insufficiency and swollen legs: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Astrid Stephan

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Many thanks for carefully answering all comments and questions.

There is only one question that has been misinterpreted.

"How were data collected across the included five studies? This may be of importance since you include studies lasting up to five years.

A: We collected data as reported in the studies and according to the inclusion criteria.

Two reviewers performed the data extraction independently. However, we are not sure if this answer your question."

The questions was not, how the systematic review has bee performed. The question referred to data collection in the included studies.

Beyond, I agree with the authors responses and explanations.

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