Reviewer’s report

Title: Effectiveness of rituximab in neuromyelitis optica: A meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Marco Caneda

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I would like to thank the opportunity to re-evaluate this manuscript and to compliment the authors for their efforts.

In general, the authors addressed several of my concerns and I think the manuscript has been improved.

As in my first review, I see the usefulness in the question raised and in the data brought.

However, I still have some recommendations:

1. The paragraphs 3,4,5,6 and 7th of Discussion presented some passages that are redundant on aspects already addressed in the Introduction. I believe these can be summarized.

2. The studies by Kim et al used the same sample of individuals evaluated at different points in time of treatment evolution, generating a bias in the calculation of the total number of patients assessed.

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