Reviewer's report

**Title:** Small-incision lenticule extraction versus femtosecond laser-assisted LASIK for myopia: a meta-analysis of comparative studies

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**Reviewer:** Mahipal S Sachdev

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The text lacks flow, making it uninteresting and at places incomprehensible to read. As an example the abstract states that central corneal sensitivity was higher after FS LASIK (46-48), whereas the text states the opposite (196-198) i.e., central corneal sensitivity was higher after SMILE.

There are numerous spacing and grammatical errors. Examples of the innumerable spacing errors include lines 32,37 sensitivity after, line 51 after SMILE at, line 78 intrastromallenticule, line 82 damages less.

Moreover, the sentences are improperly structured. Few examples of the same include lines 222-23 (The newer refractive.....epithelia), Lines 235-37 (As we know.....distribution)

The title itself should be rephrased as it overestimates the scope of the study which is limited to central corneal sensitivity assessment and in no way is a real meta-analysis of two procedures across various parameters.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.