Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessement of postoperative long-term survival quality and complications associated with radical antegarde modular pancreatosplenectomy and distal pancreatectomy: a Metameta-analysis and systematic review

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Reviewer: Felix Rückert

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Interesting and necessary article. However the article does not meet criteria for publication. This article needs professional language editing. Please add page numbers, it facilitates the review.

I already have major points:

Point 2.2: "(2) the included study language is limited to English;" Does this mean studies in English are excluded?

Point 2.3: "We chose to use the nine-star Newcastle Ottawa scale (NOS) to assess the methodological quality of case-control": You only included studies with strict inclusion and exclusion criteria. Retrospective studies (case-control) can not fulfill this criteria. This is contradictive.

Point 3.1: Search terms were "Radical antegrade modular pancreatosplenectomy " and/ or (?) "Distal/left Pancreatectomy". Searching pubmed with both item (and) gives 17 hits. Searching with "Distal/left Pancreatectomy " gives 456 hits. How was the number of 56 studies achieved?

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