Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Qi Zhou

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Qi Zhou previous suggestion: I suggest using the forest plot to present Table 3-sensitivity analysis, to increase the visibility on the outcomes.

Author's Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. Sensitivity analysis was conducted by sequentially deleting a single study each time. I am afraid that there might be too many figures (10 figures) if using forest plot to present.

Qi Zhou further clarification on the recommendation of table 3:

I recommended using forest plot to represent entire content of table 3, not for each of the sensitivity analysis. In that figure, with placing reference vertical lines at value of “0” and “1”, readers could easily sight the direction and the significance of the effects reported in MDs and RRs for various situations. However, I respect author’s final decision on this matter.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.