Reviewer’s report

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Thank you for the changes that have led to an improved manuscript. I have two remaining comments:

1) The Conclusion in the Abstract still seems rather positive, and I think it should be more in line with the conclusion in the actual full body of the manuscript which has been revised to be more cautious.

2) I am puzzled by the response that it was not possible to use CHARMS and TRIPOD quality assessment. The date of publication of CHARMS was Oct 2014 and TRIPOD was Jan 2015. This systematic review has literature search dates that run up to April 2016, and so both CHARMS and TRIPOD were available long before the literature search was even completed, let alone the data extraction and assessment of study quality.

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