Reviewer’s report

Title: Facial soft tissue changes after nonsurgical rapid maxillary expansion: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Dear Authors, Thank you for submitting this interesting review. The manuscript is very well written, but it needs some minor changes to be published. In the paper the quality analysis of the studies should be better discussed. This is very important because the results should be based also on the overall quality of the studies. Please add this section in the manuscript. Provide the beginning of the research not only the end. The oldest article included was Karaman 2002, there are no articles before this date that may fulfilled the inclusion criteria before? I have this doubt since the authors included also researches on conventional cephalograms. All the studies included in the review investigated the effects of RME on facial soft tissue in the short-term? this aspect should be better specified in the discussion.

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