Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of non-surgical, non-pharmacological weight loss interventions in patients who are obese prior to hip and knee arthroplasty surgery: A rapid review

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Reviewer: Li Xiuxia

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The manuscript has been quite improved since the first submission, it has a clear structure with all needed elements. However, I still have two suggestions for you.

1. In the Method section, you describe the tool NOS was used to assess the quality of non-randomized studies (lines 148-149), but no result was reported. Please to describe the evaluation results in your Results section, and discuss the scientific quality of the included studies appropriately in the Discussion, it seems to be more rigorous for the rapid review.

2. Although it is a rapid review, I think it is still necessary to state the methods used to combine the findings of the included studies. In the paper, the evidence was qualitatively described, why is it like this? Please inform in your Methods.

Discretionary Revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests