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Can the authors please check their text on lines 38-43 on page 17 of 43, where they describe the results of their meta-analysis? They describe the meta-analysis for risk of premature birth as being "a tendency for reduction" but the point estimate is 0.54 with a 95% confidence interval from 0.38 - 0.77, and then the authors list the p value as 0.07. But in the figure I think o value is 0.0007, which is quite different.

The text was modified according to p-value correct.
And when this result is discussed in page 18 of 43 it is described as "slight tendency". I don't think most people would consider a relative risk of 0.5 to be "slight".

In fact, there is a real trend in reducing the occurrence of preterm labor by approximately 50%. In this way, the text has been modified.