

# Review of: "Effect of Animal-Assisted Activities on Symptoms and Emotions of Children with Neoplastic Disease: A Systematic Review with Meta-Analysis"

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The present study is a review and meta-analysis developed to evaluate the effect of animal-assisted activities in children with neoplastic disease. The study has merit and is well written and presented. The methodology is well structured and details all stages of the research. The results and discussion are well written and present the authors' interpretation of the data. On the other hand, the study uses only three randomized controlled trials, which makes the generalization of the results less robust, being an important limiting factor for the clinical application of the data presented. In general, this limitation does not detract from the merit of the work, which contributes significantly to the understanding of studies in this area, but it should be taken into consideration by readers.