

Review of: "Impact of medical, surgical and expectant management on spontaneous miscarriage/abortion on first trimester: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized, controlled trials"

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Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for asking me to review this article "Impact of medical, surgical and expectant management on spontaneous miscarriage/abortion on first trimester: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials". I have read through the article and would like to comment as follows:

This is an article that would naturally be very useful to the practicing gynaecologists, the reading public and the patients, as it would give direction on the management of first trimester miscarriages. However, the authors, having done this supposed good work, present it in a way difficult to follow.

The title itself sounds clumsy. It probably would have been more straight forward to say "Impact of medical, surgical and expectant management of first trimester miscarriages: a systematic review and meta-analysis". The authors bring in "of randomized controlled trials". Reading through the work shows that the authors used articles with other study designs outside randomized controlled trials.

The major defect in this article is that the authors lack the vehicle to convey their messages. One finds it difficult to make true meanings out of this article. Standard gynaecological terms are not used in some places. For example: "remove any remaining tissues" instead of evacuating the uterus.

"An increase in miscarriage" instead of increased prevalence of miscarriage.

All these make it difficult for one to concentrate on the scientific content of the work.

I would like to recommend that the authors repackage these work and also seek the assistance of those who are good in the use of English language and then resend the article for review.

Once again thank you so much for asking me to take up this very important academic exercise.

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