

QUOROM statement checklist:

Although this meta-analysis is based also on non-randomized trials, the QUOROM statement checklist is filled in:

<b>Heading:</b>	<b>Reported:</b>
<u>Title</u>	Yes, Identify the report as a meta-analysis [or systematic review] of controlled trials
<u>Abstract:</u>	Structured format
Objectives	Yes.
Data sources	Yes.
Review methods	Yes.
Results	Yes.
Conclusions	Yes.
<u>Methods</u>	
Introduction	Yes, heading "Introduction".
Searching	Yes, subheading "search strategy" in "methods" and box 2.
Selection	Yes, subheading "selection" in "methods" and box 3.
Validity assessment	Yes, subheading "validity assessment" in "methods".
Data abstraction	Yes, subheading "data abstraction" in "methods".
Study characteristics	Yes, subheading "trial characteristics" in "results".
Quantitative data synthesis	Yes, subheading "quantitative data synthesis" in "methods".
<u>Results</u>	
Trial flow	Yes, figure 4 "QUODROM flow diagram".
Study characteristics	Yes, subheading "trial characteristics" in "results".
Quantitative data synthesis	Yes, subheading "quantitative data synthesis of the pharmacokinetics" in "results".
<u>Discussion</u>	Yes, heading "discussion".