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GENERAL COMMENTS	The authors nicely planed and described the protocol for a systematic review and network meta-analysis.

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VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

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Please leave your comments for the authors below
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Answer: Thanks for your comments.

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Answer: Thanks for your advice. The expression has been revised as "determine both the safety and efficacy of different endovascular treatments (i.e., balloon angioplasty alone, balloon-mounted stent or self-expanding stent) on patients with symptomatic intracranial artery stenosis" as you can see on page 5, line 12.