

Review of: "Effect of Clown Therapy on Symptoms and Emotions of Children with Neoplastic Disease: A Systematic Review with Meta-Analysis"

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- -ABSTRACT-METHODS: Risk of bias was assessed with RoB 2: Write in full RoB 2...-RESULTS: Include one more sentence. Very small. -CONCLUSIONS: Clown therapy seems more effective: the word seems is not ideal...please change it
- -INTRODUCTION:2nd Paragraph: They involve several hospitalizations: you start a sentence with "they"...they who?? it is not clear to who you are referring to.
- -Additional analyses: <u>Gender:</u>No study has measured the effect of clown therapy according to the gender of participants. <u>Age</u>No study measured the effect of clown therapy as a function of the age group of participants. : *pLease make this a single paragraph since there are no significant results*.
- -Sensitivity analysis Sensitivity analysis was not performed because all included studies were at high risk of bias.: *include this in the study limitations*
- -Change LIMITS to LIMITATIONS
- -Conclusions: Clown therapy seems to have a positive effect on the symptoms and emotions of children with cancer, foremost on anxiety and fatigue but also on pain, fear, and mood.: *Again change the word "seems" it is not ideal*
- -Overall a very good work with good methodology and quality appraisal.

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