

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-58973

Title: Application of Therapeutic Ultrasound in Knee Osteoarthritis: An Integrative Review of Randomized Clinical Trials

Recommendation:

Accept as it is ☐☐☐☐

Accept after minor revision ☐☐☒☐

Accept after major revision ☐☐☐☐☐

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) ☐☐☐

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		√		
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity			√	
Significance		√		

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This article focuses on auditing the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) system in hospitals. It explains the importance of accurate death certification for public health planning, epidemiology and mortality statistics. The article describes a three-level MCCD review system, including checking completeness, reviewing medical causes and sequence of death, and verifying ICD coding. It also provides a scoring system for assessing the quality of MCCD forms and hospital facilities.

Strength:

1. The topic is useful and clinically important.
2. The aim of the review is clear.
3. Recent research studies are included.
4. Different types of therapeutic ultrasound are discussed.
5. Pain and functional improvement are properly considered.
6. The PICO/PICOS method is explained.
7. The authors have discussed the limitations of previous studies.
8. The conclusion is generally related to the results

Weakness:

1. The total number of studies found, screened, excluded, and included is not clearly mentioned.
2. A PRISMA flow chart should be added.
3. The exact search dates and detailed search terms should be provided.
4. There is no clear quality assessment of the included studies.
5. Some studies used ultrasound together with other treatments, so it is difficult to know the exact effect of ultrasound alone.
6. Ultrasound treatment settings are different between studies, making comparison difficult.

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7. The statement that ultrasound has a "consistent favorable effect" is somewhat strong and should be written more carefully.
8. Complete DOI details should be given in the table.

Overall assessment:

The article covers an important and recent topic and provides useful information about different ultrasound treatments. The review method and study selection need better explanation, and the quality of the included studies should be assessed.

Recommendation: Manuscript accepted for publication after minor revision.