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### ARTICLE DETAILS

<b>TITLE (PROVISIONAL)</b>	Relative effectiveness of non-surgical interventions for pain management in knee osteoarthritis: a protocol for a component network meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials
<b>AUTHORS</b>	Thompson, Trevor; Ahmed, Bawan; Weldon, Sharon Marie; Efthimiou, Orestis; Stubbs, B

### VERSION 1 – REVIEW

<b>REVIEWER</b>	Jadidi, Shaheen McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University, Sports Medicine
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	23-Feb-2021

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	Great protocol and very much looking forward to the final results
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<b>REVIEWER</b>	Migliorini, Filippo University Hospital RWTH Aachen, Orthopedics
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	29-Apr-2021

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	Very interesting work. My only concern is the level of the English, which is not appropriate. please improve this point.  thank you and best regards
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### VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

--- Reviewer 1 ---

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Response: Many thanks for evaluating the manuscript and for your kind comments and encouragement.

--- Reviewer 2 ---

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Response: We greatly appreciate your assessment of the paper and for drawing our attention to this issue. The original paper has been comprehensively screened for grammatical errors (manually and using Grammarly software), and corrections have been implemented in the revised manuscript (note:

as these corrections were generally scattered throughout the manuscript, we have not indicated their location).