From our perspective, substantial heterogeneity of endpoint definitions in individual trials included in the present meta-analysis clearly hamper both the deduction of meaningful conclusions and the generalizability of results from the present meta-analysis.2–4 There were subtle but crucial differences among included individual studies regarding all three endpoints analysed. First, there was a substantial variability in the definitions of immediate technical success by residual stenosis thresholds between <20 and <50% rendering a direct comparison of results very challenging.2 Second, TVR was defined as ‘repeat revascularization of the same superficial femoral-popliteal artery disease: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials’.

We feel that this article does once again highlight the clear need for uniform reporting standards for the scientific evaluation of various innovative endovascular treatment approaches.2–4

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