Professional medical writing support improves the quality but not the speed of reporting of randomized controlled trials

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Adherence to CONSORT items

• Most CONSORT items had a significantly higher rate of complete reporting in MW articles than in non-MW articles (Figure 3). Articles with acknowledged medical writer support were associated with

• This is rated as one of the following:

– needs some language corrections before

– acceptable

– not suitable for publication unless extensively revised

Conclusions

Professional medical writing support was associated with higher-quality reporting of RCT results than articles without such support; however, there remains a need to improve the reporting of clinical study results and adherence to reporting guidelines such as CONSORT.

ISMP, with its mission to support the educational needs of medical writers, can play an important role in achieving this.

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