

Reviewer's report

Title:Establishing confidence in the output of qualitative research synthesis: the ConQual approach

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The authors have made some revisions and stated their reluctance to make others, which is fair enough - it's their paper! The changes they have made certainly aid clarity.

I suggest one discretionary revision which is to make clear in the Figures that we're not looking at individual study findings (something which is now clarified in the text). e.g. Figure 2 still discusses 'illustration' in the singular - whereas presumably we're interested in multiple illustrations if there are many studies?

Level of interest:An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English:Acceptable

Statistical review:No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests