Reviewer’s report

Title: Paramedic assessment of pain in the cognitively impaired adult patient

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Reviewer: Rhonda Nay

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This is an interesting and well written paper with some gaps that need to be addressed:

1. Outline the methodology used to critique the systematic reviews
   It seems that only two systematic reviews met inclusion criteria but that other papers are reviewed/ discussed in the discussion section. This needs to be clarified.
   The difference between this review and a 'systematic review' as for example used by Cochrane needs to be clarified and perhaps different language used to reduce confusion.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'