Reviewer’s report

Title: Systematic reviews, systematic error and the acquisition of clinical knowledge

Version: 5 Date: 16 May 2010

Reviewer: Jessie McGowan

Reviewer’s report:

Thank-you for your careful revision and clarifications in this paper and making changes based on the reviewer comments. Thank-you for the addition of important references. I think it is clearer now with the other figures removed.

Major Compulsory Revisions

Minor Essential Revisions
Please add a quote to the first sentence under the “systematic review” section, you can use the website of Cochrane.org for the quote.

Discretionary Revisions

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.