Reviewer's report

Title: Quality assessment of systematic review or meta-analysis for nursing intervention in the nursing related journals published by Korean reviewers

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The manuscript has been substantially improved.

Major compulsory revisions

1. The introduction requires further amendment to improve readability. Specifically:
   - paragraph 2 (starting “The purpose of ...”), perhaps the first sentence should read “The purpose of assessing the quality of systematic review is to examine the confidence of research findings.” Also, the last 2 sentences in paragraph 3 (“The purpose of systematic...healthcare providers.”) could be incorporated into this paragraph as they address similar issues.
   - paragraph 3 (“Reviews have been published...was serious [8].” needs amendment to improve readability.

2. The discussion requires further amendment to improve readability. Specifically:
   - paragraph 2 (“In addition, the research.... intervention were substantially heterogeneous.”) could be removed - one of the limitations was “we did not investigate the factors influencing the quality of reviews”, but the relationship between year of publication and quality was considered in the methods/results (see Figure 2). Perhaps this needs rewording.

Minor compulsory revisions

3. Some language needs to be changed from singular to plural. Including the amending the aim in the abstract to “To assess the methodological quality of systematic reviews or meta-analyses of interventions published in nursing journals by Korean researchers” and the first sentence of inclusion criteria to “We included meta-analyses or systematic reviews of the treatment effects of nursing intervention published in English or Korean by Korean reviewers”. Also, AMSTAR is the abbreviation of assessment of multiple systematic reviews.

4. Minor typographical errors include:
   - Abstract: bold the results sub-heading
   - Introduction: remove the line break between “...South Korea.” and Evidence-based nursing...”
5. Abstract and sentence 2 in “methodological quality” section on page 8: change “(item 11)” to “(out of 11)”