Reviewer's report

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This is a really interesting paper and a really important contribution to the literature - particularly given the need for good quality monitoring studies in areas like public health.

Minor essential revisions

I think this paper needs to conclude more strongly. What next steps would you propose to move this paper forward? I personally think you need more testing with researchers who do modelling studies - do they think they need reporting frameworks, what frameworks do they currently use. And same for journals - how do they already deal with modelling studies? Then beyond that you would obviously map the process to other processes used for reporting guidance.

I have seen your comments about this not being a systematic review. That's ok - but I do think your methods section needs more clarity. What was your inclusion criteria?

Discretionary revisions

Should "locate guidelines" sub-heading under results read "Existing of guidelines for modelling studies" - just needs more clarity.

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