Reviewer's report

Title: Definitions and methods of measuring and reporting on injurious falls in randomised controlled fall prevention trials: a systematic review

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This is an important and well written paper. The systematic review has demonstrated conclusively that definitions of injurious falls vary greatly in the published research literature. This has major implications because the lack of a consistent definition means that meta-analyses of studies in which the outcome of interest is injurious falls are likely to be flawed as a result.

There are no major compulsory revisions or minor essential revisions.

The authors should consider making more explicit recommendations about how injurious falls should be defined. They have completed the definitive review and are well placed to make recommendations that can then be considered by the falls prevention research community.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.