Reviewer's report

Title: Including mixed method research in systematic reviews: examples from qualitative syntheses in TB and malaria control

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Reviewer: Pierre Pluye

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Minor essential

Typo errors?
P. 5: “complied”
P. 6: “njudgements”
P. 12: “ie”

P. 12: The community of reviewers is discouraging the exclusion of low-quality studies, and encouraging separate analysis. I strongly recommend authors consider this to nuance their statement (“moving toward excluding papers”).

Minor discretionary

P. 12 and 13: Authors may replace reference 13 by a recent paper on the new version of the Mixed Methods Appraisal Tool:


Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.