Reviewer's report

Title: Developing Search Strategies for Clinical Practice Guidelines in SUMSearch and Google Scholar and Assessing their Retrieval Performance

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Reviewer: Thomas Ganslandt

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General

The paper relates to the relevant topic of retrieving clinical practice guidelines, taking issues of optimized search strategies as well as a comparison of two major retrieval databases into account. The objectives are well defined, and the methods used are described in detail. The conclusions are supported by the results and discussion sections. The article is well-structured and written.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

none

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

none

What next?: Accept without revision

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests