Reviewer's report

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This is an outline for a programme of work. It seems to go part the way towards being a protocol, but for some sections outlines process rather than methods. The authors are planning four separate IPD meta-analyses, each of which will need a detailed protocol. I can see that it could be possible to have a common 'core' protocol for the four studies, but I think there needs to be more detail on the methods, such as what data items they will collect and what analyses they will do. With that additional detail I think it would merit publication.