Reviewer's report

**Title:** Extending an evidence hierarchy to include topics other than treatment: revising the Australian 'levels of evidence'

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**Reviewer:** Myfanwy Lloyd Jones

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This is a very useful article. I have only one query, which I would put into the category of discretionary revisions in case I have misread something. The comment is that there seems to be a lack of clarity between page 5 paragraph 1 point iii and page 6 paragraph 2 regarding whether the original hierarchy of evidence was designed for individual studies or a body of evidence.

**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