Reviewer’s report

Title: Multiple component interventions for preventing falls and fall-related injuries among older people: systematic review and meta-analysis

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Minor Essential Revisions

The manuscript is much improved. I have only few comments / suggestions.

Abstract:
1. Line 13: Please, define “usual care”
2. Line 18-19: “There was a reduction in the number of people that fell … and the fall rate” In which group (multiple component interventions?) and in comparison to what (usual care?)?

Introduction
3. The introduction is majorly improved, but i don’t think it is necessary to provide effect sizes and CI’s in the introduction.

Results
4. More information should be given on treatment of controls. E.g. what is used for usual care interventions?
5. The effects should be presented separately for (a) multiple component interventions vs. no interventions / placebo and (b) multiple component interventions vs. usual care. This may provide important information for final conclusions and practical applications.

Discussion
6. Line 235: Please, add “multiple component” to “interventions”
7. Line 263: “only two studies”: References should be added

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests