Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of anaemia in older persons: systematic review

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Reviewer: Andrew Clegg

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Thank you to the authors for considering the comments made and for their responses, which are helpful and have addressed many of the issues raised. I agree with many of the explanations provided. Whilst some minor concerns remain, these should not affect the editor considering publication of the paper.

Minor comments

â€¢ In the section on the quantity of research which identifies â€œmany moreâ€ studies from bibliographies, it would be helpful if the actual numbers could be specified. I appreciate that you may not have recorded the source of references and therefore may not be able to specify.

â€¢ P11 â€œ should â€œconducedâ€ be â€œconductedâ€?

â€¢ P12 â€œ final paragraph â€œ first sentence may need editing and line spacing different from rest of the document.

â€¢ P13 â€œ second paragraph â€œ last sentence â€œ have you undertaken searches to justify the lack of extensive literature on therapy?

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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'