Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge and information needs of young people with epilepsy and their parents: Mixed Method systematic review

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? YES
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? YES
3. Are the data sound? YES
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? YES
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? YES
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? YES
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? YES
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
The term young people is vague and has not been defined by the authors – the studies which have been identified for inclusion have enrolled children aged from 6 to 19 years, though it appears that majority of subjects have been teens. I get the impression that the results and discussion mainly apply to teens rather than preteens. The approach, interventions and assessments would vary, even if the children differ in age by 2 or 3 years.
9. Is the writing acceptable? YES – The language can be even more simple

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