Reviewer's report

Title: Parental Anxiety and Avoidance of Acute Hypoglycaemia

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Major Compulsory Revisions: It is not exactly clear why the authors limited to publications on children under age 12 as hypoglycemia fear could be just as relevant for parents of adolescents. The manuscript could be strengthened by providing a clearer rationale for limiting the focus in this way or expanding to include studies of parents of adolescents. The title is misleading in this regard as the title refers to parental anxiety rather than hypoglycemia fear which is the actual focus of the review. These are different concepts and the review did not encompass parental anxiety broadly speaking, so I think a more specific title is needed which also reflects that the focus was on parents of children. Besides this initial confusion, the manuscript is a very good one; solid methods of review and synthesis were used. The manuscript has the potential to peak interest on this very important and somewhat emergent topic in the literature. However, I think the manuscript would make a stronger contribution if the authors would address the limitations of previous research in this area. As it stands the discussion is more narrowly focused on research findings without placing them in the context of limited methods.

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.