Reviewer’s report

Title: Outcomes of hepatitis C screening programs targeted at risk groups hidden in the general population: a systematic review

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this is a methodologically robust, comprehensive review of HCV screening. It is clear and well written.

In the first table there is no mention of the risk associated with healthcare (blood/blood products or invasive procedure in a country currently or where appropriate previously infection control/decontamination was lacking. (Migrants are mentioned in the text, but the above group is wider as it includes travellers).

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'