Reviewer's report

Title: Research gaps identified during systematic reviews of clinical trials: Glass-ionomer cements

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The text in "imprecision of results" is still not clear to me. In my opinion good studies have small confidence intervals. Wide confidence intervals risk that you do not find existing differences. I cannot understand "CI wide enough to suggest both superiority and inferiority at the same time". I could understand : CI too wide to demonstrate relevant differences or something like that.

I do not understand the shading in table 4: Score A means adequate and should be shaded light and not dark. Score 0 indicates inadequate and should be shaded dark.

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:

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