Reviewer's report

Title: Infection rates associated with epidural indwelling catheters for seven days or longer: systematic review and meta-analysis

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General
The revised manuscript has increased its emphasis on the limitations of the existing literature, that is, the apparent high rate of deep epidural infection related to long term epidural catheter use is very imprecise with a wide confidence interval.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.