Reviewer's report

Title: Utilization of the PICO framework to improve searching PubMed for clinical questions

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Reviewer: Ann Mckibbon

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General

Good rewrite. Only 2 comments below. Looking forward to having this in print.

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

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

1. Abstract needs to be modified to reflect the changes in the document that came about from the statistical analyses.

2. This is a randomized controlled pilot trial. I would urge the authors to put the "randomized" back into the document and add the "pilot" to show that their trial is truly meant to direct further research.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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 have received salary support to help develop the clinical queries in PubMed. This ended in June 2001. I do not stand to gain in any financial or other way with respect to the publication of this trial.