Reviewer's report

Title: Estimating the extent that the use of telemedicine reduces travel for patients, carers and health professionals: proposal for a systematic review and some observations on data synthesis

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This is an interesting proposal but there are some points need to be considered as followings.

1) It is unclear where about the method reflect the final part of the title, 'Estimating...........some observations on data synthesis'.

2) It seems that studies with various designs will be potentially included to this review. However, the authors do not have information
2.1) how they will handle the issue in their synthesis and
2.2) how they will assess risk of bias of each included study.

3) Unclear what data will be extracted from each included study.

4) Sequence of the introduction and method sections are difficult to follow.

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.