Reviewer's report

Title: Reducing Hospital Admissions from Nursing Homes: a Systematic Review

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Reviewer: Felipe Sandoval

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  Page 4
  Could you add citation for the rhetoric claims.
  “Although the scientific [citation needed] and political rhetoric [citation needed] strongly communicate that…”
  However, since the objective conditions of the introduction may preclude a comprehensive arrange of statements on political rhetoric, I may advise you to avoid that term, since your review has a broader spectrum that where those claims could have been made.
  Page 5
  Please add a citation where it reads: “…using a check list(sic) based on international criteria for assessing reviews[citation needed].”

- Minor Essential Revisions
  Page 2, conclusions.
  I think the two statements of the conclusion (abstract) could be joined efficiently using “but” as a coordinating conjunction.
  Page 8
  Please add a reference on how the authors faced the proficiency needed to analyse Diaz-Gegundez (2011) and Schippinger (2012) or how where you willing to treat any other possible language as you set not limit for the language in the search.

- Discretionary Revisions
  Page 2, line 1.
  Where it reads “high age” you may use “their advanced age”
  Page 2, line
  You may be willing to explain if your use of the word political is related to policy or politics as used in: “Politically, efforts are…”. It may help understand better the connection between, evidence and implementation.
  Page 4
  “iatrogenic illnesses” should followed by a comma or a better phrasing put in
place.
Page 11
Double punctuation: “admission. . As importantly”

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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