Reviewer's report

Title: Trends in the Types and Quality of Childhood Immunisation Research Output from Africa 1970-2010: A Systematic Review of the Published Literature.

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Formally the article is well conceived and written. Where applicable the Prism guidelines are met.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   yes

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   yes

3. Are the data sound?
   partially. A weakness of the review is its limitation to English publications, without inclusion of gray literature. This is especially relevant as large parts of Africa are franco- or lusophone (as regards the publications)

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   yes

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
   yes

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   yes

9. Is the writing acceptable?
   yes

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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 no competing interests