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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The authors of the manuscript conducted a comprehensive mapping literature of childhood immunization research output from Africa. The manuscript reads well and has potential to contribute to the body of knowledge related to childhood immunization research in Africa.

Comments

1. Though the authors conducted comprehensive searches of the literature, they should consider changing the “A systematic review of the published literature” to “Mapping the evidence base”.

2. Definition of quality of research on page – should be moved to method section (both main text & abstract). “A journal with an impact factor of greater than zero ….”

3. In addition, the authors should reference for the cutoff points for journals’ impact to judge the quality of research?

4. The authors should consider discussing the limitation(s) of using journals’ impact factors as quality measure of the research papers.

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.