Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Interventions to prevent disability in frail community-dwelling elderly: a systematic review

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**Reviewer:** David Oliver

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This paper on interventions to reverse frailty in community dwelling older people is a significant and original contribution to the literature, albeit that it only identifies a handful or RCTs and that the results are inconclusive. The paper clearly sets out the research questions, the methods are sound and conform to QUOROM and Cochrane Standards, the results are cogently presented and the discussion is appropriate and helpful and recognises the limitations not only in the original papers included but also in the systematic review methodology. It certainly deserves publication and should be widely cited - the graphical presentation of data is excellent and the list of references contemporary and comprehensive. In my view it should be published without alteration and might merit an editorial.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 declare that I have no competing interests