Reviewer’s report

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Minor Essential Revisions

You should add a statement as to whether the search coverage in 2001 for MEDLINE and EMBASE has some overlap with your previous systematic review? This is because some articles may only have been added to the databases later, and you might have missed them if you only searched forward from the previous date.

You should state the persons involved in searching and checking eligibility (single searcher, or two independent ones). This is because the articles are diverse in their nature, and making a decision to include or exclude must have been quite difficult.

If possible, it would be nice to have a Results summary table (similar to Table 1) but with Key features /Type of Intervention plotted against Results of main outcomes (No. of significantly positive studies, no. of studies with non-significant positive, no. showing no effect).

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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'

YK Loke, 28 January 2008