Reviewer's report

Title: Reporting bias in medical research - a narrative review

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This is a very comprehensive narrative review of reporting bias in medical research

Here are some of the suggested revisions to the review


Pages 9-25: some of the sections describing specific drugs date back to issues from the 1980's. The review can be made more relevant by limiting to issues in reporting in the last 10 years.

Page 27: Recent efforts to improve reporting of trials in clinicalTrials.gov are described in the following citations, suggest adding them.


Level of interest: An article of importance 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 in the last year, I received reimbursements for curating records and improving reporting in ClinicalTrials.gov database