Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical drug trials in general practice: a ten-year overview of protocols

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The conduct of the hand-search has now been described in more detail. However, it is stated that the total number of applications (n=2,045) was calculated from various sources, but also that all files available at the NoMA archive were included in the hand-searching of the archive. If all files were hand-searched, why was it necessary to calculate the total number of applications? Is the actual number of hand-searched applications equal to 2,054? Otherwise, this should be specified.

Minor Essential Revisions
2. The methods section is now structured into subsections. The two first paragraphs of the data analysis subsection (“Main diagnostic criteria…” and “One of the authors…”) should be moved to the variables subsection. The last paragraph of the data analysis subsection (“Ethical approval…”) should be removed from the data analysis subsection, e.g. to the end of the first subsection in the Methods section.

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 I have no competing interests