Reviewer’s report

Title: Prospective systematic review registration: Perspective from the Guidelines International Network (G-I-N)

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. ABSTRACT: PROSPERO initiative is mentioned, but not defined here. It is defined in the 2nd paragraph of the Introduction. Since PROPSERO is the "prospective systematic review registration" that is the topic of the paper, that should be clearer.

2. PERSPECTIVE FOR COLLABORATION, first sentence: "systematic" appears twice: "Because systematic new systematic reviews and using existing ones are essential..."

3. CONCLUSION, first paragraph, 3rd sentence: the phrase "high systematic reviews" appears, but probably was intended as "high-quality systematic reviews."

DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS

4. THE ROLE OF SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS IN GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT section, first paragraph, last sentence: weighing the balance of desirable and undesirable effects requires data or assumptions about typical values and preferences of the patients. This modification to the GRADE domains of strenght of recommendations is being actively discussed within the GRADE Working Group. This important aspect of balancing benefits and harms may be worth mentioning.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.