Reviewer's report

**Title:** The efficacy of dapagliflozin combined with hypoglycemic drugs in treating type 2 diabetes: protocol for meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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**Reviewer:** Morag Heirs

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Minor essential revisions:
I would suggest the protocol is reviewed for use of the English language throughout. In the last paragraph before Methods/Design

"The changes of glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) and fasting plasma glucose (FPG) from baselines will be determined"

This sentence represent poorly constructed English.
For example under eligibility criteria most sentences start with "the studies with....will be excluded/included" where the phrase "the studies" is usually unnecessary.

The meaning is clear though out, however the quality of the language should be improved.

Major Compulsory Revisions

Searches - these seem somewhat limited and I was unsure why EMBASE is not included. There was no indication of planned attempts to seek unpublished or commercial literature to reduce potential publication bias.

Quality assessment - the Jadad scale is no longer considered best practice when assessing studies for potential bias, since it reflects reporting rather than underlying reliability. Suggest the authors consider a more up-to-date option such as the Cochrane Risk of Bias tool.

No indication of how study reliability will be taken into account within the synthesis.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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