Reviewer's report

Title: Micronutrient Fortification of Food and its Impact on Woman and Child Health: A Systematic Review

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Although the authors attempted to make separate sub-sections in Methods section, they still need to have the following separate sub-sections with appropriate information:

Study selection process
As it stands now, the subsection of ‘study selection process’ includes data extraction info (“After retrieval of the full texts of all the relevant studies, each study was double data abstracted into a…”). Please, move this info to ‘data extraction’ subsection.

Data extraction
Risk of bias assessment does not belong here. It needs to be moved to the risk of bias subsection. More detail is needed here. Please, list specific factors extracted for study (e.g., author, design, sample size, country, funding source, etc…), population (age, gender, etc…), intervention/comparator (e.g., dose, duration, etc…), and outcomes. What numerical data was extracted (e.g., statistical measures, p-values, etc…). The authors need to explain how the effect measures for individual studies (mean differences, risk ratios) were calculated and how they handled missing data.

Risk of bias assessment
The authors need to state what (the name of the tool and bias domains it covers) was used to assess risk of bias of included studies (separately for RCTs and non-RCTs).

Data/evidence synthesis
Please, remove ‘Extraction’ from the title of the subheading.