Reviewer's report

Title: Protocol: systematic review and meta-analyses of birth outcomes for women who intend at the onset of labour to give birth at home compared to women of low obstetrical risk who intend to give birth in hospital

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Reviewer: Kerry Dwan

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1. From the fourth paragraph of the methods, beginning 'we are aware....' this should really go into the methods section rather than introduction.
2. Will you contact authors for missing data?
3. Your inclusion criteria implies that you will exclude unpublished studies. Your review may then suffer from the problem of publication bias.
4. Will you independently screen titles?
5. How will you deal with the issue of non response for the survey?
6 More detail is needed on I squared, you also need to consider the confidence intervals for I squared or the value of chi squared.