Reviewer’s report

Title: Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Protocols (PRISMA-P) 2014 Statement

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The PRISMA-P Statement presents the elaboration of a checklist for those drafting a protocol for systematic literature review (SLR) and/or meta-analysis (MA). The statement provides the rationale for the development of such checklist, providing evidences for the utility of a supporting document for authors in the phase of ideation of a SLR. Additionally, authors strengthen the importance of the adoption of such checklist from journal editors’, in order to increase the transparency and reduce the false positive findings by avoiding the publication of SLR or MA that do not have a corresponding protocol published/available.

I have nothing to add, beside congratulating with the authors for this statement and related checklist, as it goes into the direction of increasing the credibility of the literature. Only manuscript is comprehensive, coherent, and well-written and deserves immediate publication.

Level of interest: An exceptional article

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interest to declare.