Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing the complexity of interventions within systematic reviews: development, content and use of a new tool (iCAT_SR)

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This paper describes the development and content of a 10-dimension tool iCAT_SR for categorising intervention complexity in systematic reviews. Although this new tool seems logically relevant and potentially helpful for systematic reviewing complex healthcare interventions, it has not been empirically tested. It is necessary to be explicit regarding the lack of empirical test in the abstract. For example, the conclusions can be revised by adding a sentence, indicating that the validity and usefulness of the iCAT_SR tool need to be empirically tested.

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