Reviewer’s report

Title: WHAT’S THE UPTAKE? Pragmatic RCTs may be used to estimate uptake, and thereby population impact of interventions, but better reporting of trial recruitment processes is needed.

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Reviewer: Catalin Tufanaru

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