Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessment of reporting quality of abstracts of systematic reviews with meta-analysis using PRISMA-A and discordance in assessments between raters without prior experience

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This paper studies the impact of PRISMA-A on the abstracts for systematic reviews and meta analyses. The analyses were simple and straightforward.

There are some minor comments.

1. The title should be more specific, such as systematic reviews with meta analysis since systematic reviews without meta analyses were excluded from the study.

2. I am not sure how widely is the check-list accepted as a quality measure or is it valid a an quality measure. It seems more appropriate to call the analysis result as the impact of the checklist on abstracts rather than reporting QUALITY of abstracts. The study result seems to show that the checklist doesn't have any obvious impact on researchers drafting their abstracts for systematic reviews and meta analyses.

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