Reviewer’s report

Title: Family involvement in managing medications of older patients across transitions of care: a systematic review

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Reviewer: Ralph Möhler

Reviewer's report:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to review the interesting and relevant manuscript. Following you find my comments, which might help improving the manuscript.

Major revision

In the method section, PRISMA is mentioned as a "guide to conduct the review"; however, PRISMA is a guide for reporting rather than for conducting systematic reviews. Please refer to an established method guide for conducting systematic reviews.

Study selection: please add some information why all authors independently checked all references for inclusion rather than two authors.

Data synthesis

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Please describe in more detail the integration of the quantitative results in your themes and add an example.

Results

The results section is interesting but partly it is not fully clear, which perspective was described. Please distinguish more clearly the perspective of the families, and the health care professionals, i.e. what was the families' perspective on their role and the role of the health care professionals, and what was the health care professionals' perspective of their role, the role of other health care professionals and the role of the families. The different perspectives should be contrasted more clearly, including information about varying views of different health care professionals.
Minor revision

Eligibility criteria (gage 4, line 14): please add some more detail about studies investigating other topics but were included because medication management was part of the findings. How did the authors distinguish between publications eligible or not eligible for inclusion.

Please add a reference to the supplementary material, e.g. the search strategy for medline.

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