Reviewer's report

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

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This is a review of literature on family involvement in medication management of geriatric patients across transitions of care which is a highly relevant issue in daily medical care. The topic, methods and results of the review are well described. However there are some limitations:

1. From my point of view this paper is rather a literature review or scoping review than a systematic review. A systematic review is an overview of research answering a focused clinical question. In this paper such a focused question as a starting point for the literature search was not provided. A literature review or scoping review provide a summary or overview on a topic. This paper collect different clinical aspects from methodologically different studies on the topic of family involvement in medication management. However, the applied methods in this paper are reasonable for a literature review or scoping review

2. In the Discussion alternately some further results, conclusions of the included studies, and methodological aspects of the studies were referred. I would recommend to structure the discussion into three parts (1) Summary and synthesis of major conclusions of the included studies on the involvement of families in medication management. (2) Methodological comments on the quality (strengths and limitations) of the included studies. (3) Need for further research on this topic.

3. Figure 1: Box „studies included in quantitative synthesis (meta analysis)” should be deleted, because no focused clinical question were formulated which would be required to perform a meta-analysis (see also my comment No.1 above)
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