Reviewer’s report

Title: Safety classification of herbal medicines used among pregnant women in Asian Countries: A Systematic Review

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This is an important study to review the classifications and safety issues of common herbs used during pregnancy in asian countries. There is no similar study besides the Chinese herbal medicines. The results of the study is interesting but more standard searching methodology and reporting formats are necessary. For example, PRISMA for systematic reviews, Newcastle Assessment for quality of the studies, FDA or EU categories of the drugs for pregnancy, etc.

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