Reviewer’s report

Title: eHealth Technologies Assisting in Identifying Potential Adverse Interactions with Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) or Standalone CAM Adverse Events or Side Effects: A Scoping Review

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In the manuscript entitled "eHealth Technologies Assisting in Identifying Potential Adverse Interactions with Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) or Standalone CAM Adverse Events or Side Effects: A Scoping Review". The authors provide a description of the eHealth technologies which assist in the identification of adverse side-effects of CAM. However, there are some concerns which need to be addressed before the manuscript is suitable for publication in the BMC Complementary Medicine and Therapies. There is no clarity in the subject matter as the sentences have been repeated many times. The authors state that "these databases vary largely in their quality and how frequently they are updated". However the authors have not concluded whether these databases / Apps are reliable and proficient. Unless they provide this information, the mere compilation of data will not help or benefit anyone. The authors have not mentioned the source of data for these e-health technologies. The authors should discuss and elaborate some of the important highlights of the data provided in the table. The authors have not properly discussed the future prospects of these eHealth Technologies? Are there any upcoming Apps or other databases which can identify the adverse effects of the complementary medicines? These should also be included as a part of the review

Some of the other comments are:

Minor comments

-Line 42-47: These lines have been repeated several times in the manuscript.

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