**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** A systematic review of patient access to medical records in the acute setting: practicalities, perspectives and ethical consequences.

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The authors have performed a systematic review on patient access to medical records in acute settings. They also try to discuss some ethical issues and implications connected to it. What is confusing for me are some methodological issues:

a) Why they performed separate searches one dealing with empirical issues and one dealing with ethical issues? Can they both be combined?
b) What exact keywords did they use and what were all combination used for literature search? In the paper it seems that they described first patient access to medical records in acute settings and then ethical issues connected with patient access to medical records not necessarily in acute settings but where they combine the both it is not clear to me.

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