Reviewer's report

**Title:** PICO, PICOS and SPIDER: A comparison study of specificity and sensitivity in three search tools for qualitative literature

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**Reviewer:** Alexander Clark

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This is a useful paper that reports findings of relevance to people interested in qualitative systematic review, bibliometrics and information science.

The methods are strong and it is likely to be of interest to researchers from various disciplines. The search was comprehensive and well detailed. Overall, the methods are satisfactory - two researchers were involved in the process.

Minor revisions would be to edit the paper for concision.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests'