Reviewer’s report

Title: Selecting, refining and identifying priority Cochrane Reviews in health communication and participation in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders

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This paper reports the results of a priority-setting exercise for Cochrane Reviews in health communication and participation in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders. Cochrane Reviews are considered by many as the gold standard in evidence synthesis and assessment. They are highly time and labour intensive and are often carried out by large groups of researchers and dedicated international centres. Therefore, the results of the reported priority-setting exercise are of great significance for policy and practice internationally and can help reduce research waste. Moreover, the priority-setting exercise is reported in great detail and in accordance with the relevant guidelines. It may serve as the gold standard for other Cochrane Collaboration groups and researchers internationally undertaking similar exercises or looking for methodology to set priorities in a rigorous and transparent manner. I recommend it for publication as it is.

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