Reviewer's report

Title: Systematic review of disability weight studies: comparison of methodological choices and values

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Major compulsory revisions

1) Systematic searches should be made with a standard system (such as MOOSE) and all of these guidelines give advice for displaying the chart or overall number of articles found and how it was paired down. Most journals make use of guidelines mandatory and I strongly advice to use such a system.

2) A number of systematic effort like the NIH DALY study were not included nor was the StatsCan study included:

Both of these studies could give disability weights for all the eight conditions (either already published values or can be calculated).

Some of the references:


3) The discussion about global vs. non-global needs to be strengthened with key references being cited.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
none