Reviewer’s report

Title: The use of urea for the treatment of onychomycosis: a systematic review

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Reviewer: Ivan Bristow

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Thank you submitting the paper. The paper covers an area of podiatric practice which has not been reviewed.

The review follows the PRISMA guidelines to produce a well written systematic review.

Major revisions:

None

Minor changes:

Line 39: Would you have included broader laboratory tests such as PCR or PAS staining for diagnosis (if they had been uncovered) as they may have a higher diagnostic accuracy - currently the review only covers microscopy and culture which although are standard may not be gold standard.

Line 119: Urea has keratolytic properties but I qualify this statement and suggest that it is at only at higher percentages (above 30%) as below these percentages it has humectant properties.

Line 136: Delete the word "including" as all 10 sources were listed.

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