Reviewer’s report

Title: Completeness of reporting in abstracts of randomized controlled trials in subscription and open access journals: cross-sectional study

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I would like to thank the authors for providing me with the opportunity to read this interesting manuscript. I only have minor comments to the manuscript that I'd like to be seen sorted prior publishing:

- line 8: I don't agree that abstracts are the only record of trial results. This sentence needs to be changed somehow. For instance, in the EU, clinical trials are to be posted in the Eu Clinical Trial Register (which will soon be transformed into the EU Database) and clinical summary results must also be posted. One can argue with the completeness of this register, but there is a regulatory requirement to do so;
- in table 1, it is shown that harms in both types of journals are not widely reported. I would like to see more discussion regarding this aspects

A final general comment: it would be interesting to understand the provenance of the trials, if industry or academic and see if there is any type of relation with the quality of the posted information

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