Reviewer’s report

Title: THE USE OF LATIN TERMINOLOGY IN MEDICAL CASE REPORTS: QUANTITATIVE, STRUCTURAL AND THEMATIC ANALYSIS

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Reviewer's report:

The manuscript/article idea/topic is very interesting, but I consider many details have been excluded in the report. The manuscript is a secondary study, so it should be reported like it. I suggest manuscript should follow the main requirements of a systematic review (follow PRISMA guidelines available in http://www.equator-network.org/). Once solved this requirement (methodology), manuscript can follow future content revision. Additionally, Authors must describe and order adequately each part of the article. For example, some parts of methods are included in results. I send some suggestions.

If authors can include some secondary studies expert, will be very interesting for manuscript development.

Background:

1. Reference order is not consecutive. Page 3 line 32 "undeniable and well-grounded [1; 6; 8]."

2. The influence of latin terms in medical terminology is important. Authors should include an explanation of which kind of articles include more latin terms and why. If we consider article is focused on an exclusive type of publication, distinguish between them is important. Inside original articles, basic science articles use more latin terms, specially related to animals and plants name, as infectious disease primary and secondary articles. This wide range of latin terms should be included on background so it can support the relevance of this article.

Methods:

3. Authors must detail how was the search done. The search was done by one person or two person? Was it done independently and did they compared the results? Review PRISMA checklist.
4. - Authors included the papers published between 2007 and 2017. Until which month did they included? All these details should be detailed (PRISMA)

Results:

5. - Authors must start describing how many articles they reviewed. Additionally, like they included the corpus of published papers, they should divide original articles (by type) and case reports.

6. - From line 63-80, the text should be included in method. The description of the groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 should be detailed in methods, not in results. I.e. …. "The structural typology focuses on the major modeling patterns of Latin terminology in 71 MCRs and comprises the following groups:….." should be adequately explained in methods.

7. - For example just this paragraph (between 63-80 lines) are adequately included in results section: "Thus, we found 4 MCRs with the adverb mane (meaning "in the morning") which is used in prescriptions, for example: "She was treated for 78 MDD with paroxetine 20 mg/mane in 2002" [2].

Discussion:

8. - This part should be included in discussion: "One can observe that the advantage of Latin terms, as in the example with mane, is their 80 conciseness, which is essential for MCRs as a genre [13]."

9. - Content review of results, discussion and conclusion can't be done without solve methodological issues.

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