Reviewer’s report

Title: Applying systematic review search methods to the grey literature: A case study examining guidelines for school-based breakfast programs in Canada

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Reviewer: Su Golder

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This is a very interesting and well written article. I have a few queries.

1) I presume one reviewer screened the results. Did you try to ascertain how reliable this was? Could you mention this as limitation?

2) I find removal of duplicate records tricky with grey literature. Did you have a particular method?

3) I also find record management tricky with grey literature. Again did you have a particular method?

4) Were the 15 publications - true publications? books or journals? or reports or documents?

5) Where were the 15 publications identified from and which were uniquely identified?

6) Do you have any more detail on how to report search strategies for grey literature so they are reproducible?

Minor comments

page 4 line 17 - a lot of mainstream databases contain some conference abstracts...although agree mostly exclude grey lit

page 5 line 8 'and Canada and'? in Canada?

page 10 line 23 'some publications' - would be good to know how many and are they all 'publications'?

page 11 line 34 good to know percentage that would have been identified if only academic sources.

page 11 line 54 - missing bracket

page 12 line 38 'to others' change to 'for others'
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