Reviewer’s report

Title: Adverse mental health outcomes in breast cancer survivors compared to women who did not have cancer: systematic review protocol

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This is a very well-written and constructed protocol.

I have a few suggestions for the authors to consider:

i) authors should consider searching additional databases i.e. CINAHL and Social Sciences Citation Index which may have potentially relevant papers.

ii) authors should consider providing a rationale for including cancer survivors one-years post-diagnosis. Definitions in the literature suggest from the point of diagnosis or once treatment with curative intent is completed an individual is known as a survivor.

iii) the description of the comparator for the search strategy in the abstract and the methods should be the same.

iv) stipulate how discrepancies in data extraction will be resolved (in the data extraction section

v) funnel plots should only be undertaken if there are at least 10 studies

Overall, the methods are relevant and reported in adequate detail that replication of the review would be facilitated.

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