Reviewer’s report

Title: Exosomal microRNAs as potential circulating biomarkers in gastrointestinal tract cancers: A systematic review protocol

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This manuscript is a systematic review protocol that will consolidate the literature in the field of exosomal microRNAs as potential circulating biomarkers in gastrointestinal tract cancers. In a research area that is expanding, this review may be timely and help focus future research if conducted well.

A generally well written protocol although minor typos have crept in. This manuscript would benefit from an explicit reasoning of how this review differs from the review cited that was published in early 2017. Clarification also required from the authors in the abstract, background and aims that the potential diagnostic or predictive (or even prognostic) use of biomarkers in this context is related to recurrent cancer. The Cochrane handbook, mentioned in the methods, is missing from the reference list. The methods are generally sound and dependent on the data identified and extracted from the literature.

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