Reviewer's report

Title: Implementation of self-management support in cancer care and normalization into routine practice: a systematic scoping literature review protocol

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In their paper authors face with the lack in the medical literature of a systematic scoping review aimed to clarify the implementation of self-management support in cancer patients, which has been demonstrated to be useful in patients affected by other chronic conditions (e.g. diabetes), proposing a review protocol able to summarize literature evidences that can lead to the implementation of SMS in the routine practice. In general, it is a well written manuscript, English grammar is good but, in my opinion, it could be synthesized to better allow the reader to reach the point.

In example, introduction could be reduced and focused on the unmet clinical need (lack of scoping review on the argument) and along the text extensive explanation of specific terms/taxonomy could be omitted if they are reported in summarizing tables (e.g. NPT construct in table 5).

Some minor revisions should also be performed:

- In the abstract, discussing methods of the review is specified that two authors independently screened papers for eligibility and after a SECOND author checked the data. Maybe it would be a third author?

- There is confusion among the tables number reported along the text and the effective content of these tables. Often authors refer to table 3 writing about taxonomy of SMS (which is summarized in tab 4) and vice versa with PICOH eligibility criteria. Also, Table 5 is wrong reported in page 14 as Table 4. Please revised table order along the entire text.
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