Reviewer’s report

Title: Comparative effectiveness of the different components of care provided in heart failure clinics - protocol for a systematic review and network meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Sue Harnan

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A well-written protocol with a sensible approach to a complex question.

I have just minor comments:

Population: will studies that recruited a mixed population including some eligible participants be included or excluded? Will a % contamination be tolerated? Will studies reporting subgroups of eligible participants be included?

Comparators/study designs: for cohort studies, should these be parallel design, or will studies with a historic control be eligible? Will controlled clinical trials (ie experimental, but not randomised) be eligible?

Study selection: what remedial steps would be taken in case of a poor kappa statistic? What would be considered a poor kappa statistic?

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