Reviewer’s report

Title: Maintaining relevance in HIV systematic reviews: an evaluation of Cochrane reviews

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Reviewer's report:

Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. The manuscript is written in the form of a letter to the Editor. I think that the manuscript addresses a very important subject in the field of research evidence in HIV treatment and care. The manuscripts explores the question of the relevance of maintaining relevance in HIV systematic reviews. Pertinent issues that the authors highlight are the fast-paced development of the field of treatment and management of HIV, which can easily cause systematic reviews in the field to become outdated. The authors also highlight the importance/challenge that authors usually have in conceptualising review questions especially when the intervention(s) is complex in nature.

Overall, I think that the manuscript is well written but has some punctuation issues and typos. For example, under the results section, the last but one line states "...pragmatic implementation trails." I think the 'trails' is meant to be 'trials'. There are more punctuation issues throughout the document.

In the methods section, the authors should mention how they conducted the search for the protocols and systematic reviews that were appraised in the study.

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