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Article Review
Comparing Options for Women Seeking Permanent Conception in High Resource Countries: A protocol for a systematic review

This is an interesting topic seeking comparing options for women seeking permanent conception in high resource Countries: a protocol for a systematic review. There are a few short comings noted as systematic reviews have a set pattern to write it. At the end of the abstract and in lines 26 to 29 are ten key words displayed as "sterilization, female; sterilization, reproductive; tubal sterilization.; intrauterine devices, medicated; salpingectomy; decision making, shared". In the ten list of key words, "sterilization" appears twice while tubal sterilization has both a comma and a semi - colon separating it from the next word. Besides, the more succinct and direct the search strategy, the more likely a systematic review is to pick up all the important and primary papers. Furthermore, systematic reviews of clinical treatments, identifies most high quality primary studies from searching four standard electronic databases but only three databases are searched in this article[1]

This is especially so as a complex and heterogeneous evidence informing shared decision making between clients and clinicians as well as informing policy making guidelines. Hence searching more databases would be more helpful.

Though secondary screening of relevant articles would have been helpful as mentioned.

In view of the above observation, I suggest the following ten key words may yield a better search strategy for the title "Comparing Options for Women Seeking Permanent Conception in High Resource Countries: A protocol for a systematic review"
Key words:
Comparing Options, Women of reproductive age, Permanent conception, sterilization, tubal ligation, intrauterine devices, medicated, salpingectomy, High Resource Countries, shared decision making.

In page 14, line 12 - 14, whilst the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Network Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) will be adopted including the PRISMA diagram to demonstrate the selection of eligible articles, but a picture is worth more than a million words. Would it not be more appropriate to include the diagram in the protocol straight away? Other than the above identified comments, the article has great potentials. I wish the authors the best in their endeavours.

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