Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Iris Tong

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This is an interesting proposal for a systematic review to help guide shared medical decision-making between healthcare providers and women seeking permanent contraception. I agree with the authors that this review would fill a gap in the existing literature, and this review would be helpful to all healthcare providers who provide contraception counseling to their patients.

In discussing contraception options, healthcare providers should also include a discussion about the contraceptive implant, a highly effective form of long-acting reversible contraception. The option of the contraceptive implant should be included in this review. I also believe that the oral contraceptive, a very popular form of contraception among patients, should also be included in this review, as a point of reference. The authors state that this systematic review is intended to be used in shared decision-making with patients, and therefore, I believe that presenting the existing data for oral contraceptive pills (efficacy, compliance rates, side effects) would be important in order to have an effective discussion with patients about the differences in efficacy among various methods of contraception.

Some specific comments to the authors:

page 4
line 17 - add after "contraceptive" -- "and the contraceptive implant."
line 14 and 22 - "decision-making"

page 5
line 9 - delete comma
line 12 - insert comma after "which" and "months"
line 17 - insert "hysteroscopically" after performed
line 19 - insert comma after "time"
line 22 - please elaborate how ultrasound or pelvic X-ray would confirm hysteroscopic tubal occlusion

page 6
line 9 - change "an" to "a"
line 19 "long-acting"
line 36 start new sentence with "However, instead of copper,...
line 48 is "an underutilized form of contraception and arguably..."
line 53 add description of contraceptive implant and OCP

page 8
line 38 - add contraceptive implant, OCP

page 9
line 29 - add menorrhagia, decreased risk of ovarian cancer
page 10
line 9 - add cost to patient
line 37 - add contraceptive implant, OCP
page 14
line 14 - add contraceptive implant, OCP

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