Reviewer’s report

Title: Patient and family-initiated escalation of care: A qualitative systematic review protocol

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Reviewer: Craig Lockwood

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Dear Authors,

an interesting topic and approach - combining qualitative synthesis without indicating a particular methodology and using this with CerQuol which has traditionally been associated with meta-ethnography. I am curious as to why you decided to not embed the synthesis approach within a particular methodological perspective.

However, the main question i have is to ask for a point of clarification regarding the study participants. There is a diverse, inclusive description of types of participants, yet not all are included in each outcome. This raises the question of how you will manage the synthesis to keep to the relevant population groups separate for the particular outcome? Will you be doing multiple syntheses? Can you add some description of what will be done, and why?

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