Reviewer's report

Title: Communication Strategies for Rare Cancers: A Systematic Review Protocol

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Reviewer: Mohamad Saab

ABSTRACT:

- Replace: "The review will be conducted according to the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis (PRISMA)" with "The review will be reported using the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis (PRISMA)" since, as mentioned in my initial feedback, PRISMA is a reporting checklist and not guideline. Address same in text

METHOD:

- PICO: Under study population, do you have an age limit? If not then you must mention that. Keep in mind that childhood rare cancers are different as compared to adult ones.

- Types of studies. I still have a concern re the lack of restrictions. Will you include SRs? Will you include qual? Quant descriptive? RCTs? Not having a year limit and not specifying study types might cause you problems once you run the search. Alternatively, justify why you will not have restrictions

- What is your definition of communication strategies? Are you looking for studies on communicating prevention? Treatment? Survivorship support? Please be specific. Discuss all these under synthesis

DISCUSSION:

- Incorporate findings from studies on rare cancers under the discussion instead of reiterating what your review is going to be about. This will give the reader a flavour of what he/she will be expecting from your review.

This is an improved version of this paper. Having said that, my concerns are: (i) lack of year limit; (ii) not specifying study type for inclusion; and (iii) lack of definitions (i.e. communicating what?)
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