Reviewer’s report

Title: Does routine surveillance imaging after completing treatment for childhood solid tumours cause more harm than good? A Systematic Review & Meta-Analysis Protocol

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I would like to congratulate you on this protocol, and to wish you the best of luck for its conclusion.

This article is well written, with enough detail regarding the systematic review process - inclusion criteria and their justification, items for extraction, respect of PRISMA guidelines and evaluation of bias and quality of articles, therefore allowing for the replication of the process. The planned statistical analysis is appropriate for the theme and for the potential data obtained from the articles. The implications and dissemination of the results is also clear and shows the importance of this theme to the stakeholders and societal groups.

I have only two aspects to point out. First is regarding the exclusion of articles from LMI countries; although I understand the reasons for this, I would like to see this a bit more discussed, namely, the potential problems that the inclusion of articles from these countries might create. The second is regarding the data extracted from the qualitative studies. Although the data extraction tool is quite detailed, I was wondering if any particular qualitative method will be used, as content or thematic analyses. If yes, this should be made explicit.

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