Reviewer’s report

Title: Interventions to promote patients and families' involvement in adult intensive care settings: a protocol for a mixed-method systematic review.

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Reviewer: Edoardo Aromataris

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for consideration of previous comments made.

Admittedly, overall, the revisions haven't made a great deal of impact re the clarity of the review project and how the authors intend to go about it.

Re this:
I appreciate some interventions have been named among the eligible interventions, however these could/should have been better tied into the introduction - to better support the rationale for the review and use of interventions.

The authors are including multiple study designs in their analyses, (both randomised and non-randomised studies) have some predetermined outcomes named that appear to be both dichotomous and continuous. I think a well prepared protocol should be clear on the approach to statistics that will be pursued and how the effect estimates will be calculated and then used.

On this latter point, where labels such as 'suggestive' or 'firm' evidence are used, these need clear criteria to distinguish them a priori based on size of effect and/or the quality or rigor of studies (at a minimum)

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