Reviewer’s report

Title: Comparative effectiveness and safety of pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions for insomnia: an overview of reviews

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This is a well-designed overview with valuable summary with potential implications for practice. I found it easy to read and follow. I only have three major queries:

1: The search date is two years old (Jun 2017). As I remember, the search for the reviews should not be more than 14 months old at the time of submission (April 2019)
2: The review team has properly used AMSTAR 2 for checking the methodological quality of included reviews however they have not assessed the risk of bias of the reviews using ROBIS.
3: The team used appropriate approach to prevent double-counting of studies. However, the search dates (time coverage) of included reviews have not been reported. Some of the reviews could be very out of date and require supplementary searches.

Minor Comments
1: in eligibility criteria, geographical limitation of pharmacological interventions to Canada is unclear considering that such limitation does not apply to other types of interventions.
2: In Table 1, what does number 3 means in "Diphenhydramine (3)".
3: In Figure 1, 5024 minus 4480 equals 544 not 525.

I could not resist telling that your search methods are exemplary. Congratulations to your information specialists.

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