Reviewer’s report

Title: The best treatment option(s) for adult and elderly patients with chronic primary musculoskeletal pain: A protocol for a systematic review and network meta-analysis

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Please also include timeline of the literature search in the method section.

Who will be two independent investigators?

Search terms in Medline and Embase are different. Please attach syntax used in each database as supplementary.

It will be better to show kappa for the selection and data extraction. Please also plan to show the data of kappa of agreement during the systematic searches. How disagreements were solved during the systematic search among two independent reviewers?

Random or Fixed effect will be used, needs to be specified.

In the last years, the tools most used are Cochrane ROB and ROBINS. Why are not authors using the Cochrane ROB ROBINS tools? I recommend change the scales for the evaluation of quality of articles.

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It is not professional to use "don't" in academic writing.

"NSAIDS" should be "NSAIDs"

"data base" should be "database"

"best treatment option(s)" should be "the best treatment option(s)"

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