Reviewer’s report

Title: Preferred Reporting Items for Overviews of Reviews (PRIOR): a protocol for development of a reporting guideline for overviews of reviews of healthcare interventions

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Thank you for the invitation (on Nov 12 2019) to review this interesting manuscript. In this study protocol, Pollock et al. outline the development process for a new reporting guideline of overviews of reviews of healthcare interventions ("the PRIOR reporting guideline").

Although numerous previous reviews have explored characteristics, reporting quality of overviews, and/or some documents on reporting of overviews exist (as the authors acknowledge in their Background section), I fully agree there is a need for a reporting guideline for overviews of healthcare interventions.

Overall, this appears to be a well-developed study protocol and the methodology proposed but the authors is credible and sound.

I have only some minor comments for potential consideration.

Minor comments:

Background
Page 4. Lines 90-92. The authors' state they are aware of several "narratively described" reporting guidelines for overviews [ref. 1-3, 5,6]. Could you please update/revise this section? Since initial submission of your manuscript, several manuscripts on this topic have been published, and could be included. For example:


Page 6. Lines 128-130. The authors' state: "We have registered our intent to develop the PRIOR reporting guideline for overviews on the EQUATOR Network website". Should this information included in Methods section (e.g. first paragraph) with some background information of the EQUATOR Network Library ("reporting guideline under development")? For example: " We have registered our protocol to develop the PRIOR reporting guideline for overviews on the EQUATOR Network website ("reporting guidelines under development" section) [20]. The EQUATOR Network encourages registration of all reporting guidelines and extensions under development to raise awareness
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Methods.
Page 6. Project launch. Lines 142-143. The authors' state; "At Project launch (...)". Could you please indicate date/year of project initiation?

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