Reviewer’s report

Title: Mapping Evidence on Women’s Knowledge and Practice of Breast Self-Examination in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Scoping Review Protocol

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This proposed review aims to summarize evidence describing breast self-examination and early detection in South Saharan Africa areas. I have a few comments

Introduction

1. "map" evidence sounds vague. Do you mean you want to estimate the rate of breast self-examination and early detection? Or do you want to investigate their correlates?

Methods

1. The research question is very vague. Please specify, for example:
   Investigate sociodemographic correlates of breast self-examination and early detection
   Estimate rate of breast self-examination and early detection
   Identify barriers to breast self-examination and early detection
   Simply saying "evidence" is very ambiguous

2. Please specify "PICO"

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Discussion

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