Reviewer’s report

Title: Interactions of clinical relevance associated to concurrent administration of prescription drug and food or medicinal plants: a systematic review protocol

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Dear Authors,

Many thanks for your considered and comprehensive answers to my review points, and for the updated manuscript submission.

I have some final points that I would ideally like to see clarified in your manuscript.

Firstly, regarding pregnant and lactating women - great that they will be included, thanks for confirming this. Please could you specify in the protocol that they will be treated separately to adults? If you do not intend to separate them from adults, please provide a clear rationale as to why not.

You have stated in your answers that this protocol will be used to develop at least five systematic reviews for antiepileptics, antidiabetics and antihypertensives, respectively. From this, I have understood that this protocol is a generic description that can be applied to any drug-herb and drug-food combination, and that you will not be considering all drug-herb and all drug-food combinations in one review, but in separate reviews, which will then be compiled in a database for dissemination (lines 327-330 of your revised manuscript).

If my understanding is correct, I would suggest to make the fact that you will conduct multiple reviews using this protocol clearer in your manuscript.

That said, this seems somewhat contradictory to your answer to my comment for previous lines 307-309!

Your answer: "This systematic review does not analyze the drug-herb or drug-herb interactions separately for a particular drug used for the treatment of a specific disease but rather compiles both types of interactions in a single document making it more complete and easier to disseminate among members of the health team and patients."

- Is there a typo in this sentence ("drug-herb or drug-herb interactions" - do you mean drug-food?)?

- In "single document", do you mean the database for dissemination?
- Please could you provide further clarification.

With best wishes.

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