Reviewer’s report

Title: A systematic review protocol examining workplace interventions that aim to improve employee health and wellbeing in male-dominated industries

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Most major issues raised appear to be largely address. However, some additional concerns need to be addressed.

L123 states that the primary aim of the study is to 'systematically describe' workplace studies. SR are primarily designed to evaluate the quality of the studies, not to simply describe them. This seems to be a basic misunderstanding of the nature and purpose of SRs.

The protocol makes no mention of the potential to undertake meta-analyses; the optimal additional step in a SR.

L123-130 set out sets of objectives for the review; it is unclear how the first set differ substantially from the second set.

L142 states that there 'is limited evidence on the criteria…'. Reword as 'there is no consensus on the definition of…'.

L151-156 the definition and focus of the proposed protocol is too narrow. It does not allow for contemporary views about the importance of changing=work environments or culture to improve worker health, and the studies undertaken to achieve these goals. An exclusive focus only on individuals is not supported by WHO definitions of health and wellbeing and should be reflected in the study protocol.

There are also a series of minor issues and typos that need to be fixed.

L73 the word 'have' has been incorrectly changed to 'has'. Pls revert.
L79 the insertion of 'has been' should read 'have been'.
L97 change 'in the years' to 'over the years' (or 'over time').
L100 missing word 'not' ie 'not only in improving…'
L102 refers to 'attitudes and thoughts'. The term 'thoughts', in these contexts, is not a standard term in the behavioural sciences literature. Pls reword.
L105 reads 'to have a body of literature reviewing the effectiveness of…'. Pls reword as '…to have access to a systematic review of the literature of the effectiveness of…'
L107 reads as 'those published have…'. Pls reword as 'the extant published literature has not…'
Line 123 place 'firstly' with 'first' (its not an adverb). Pls amend through-out the doc.
L 124 reword 'intervention male-dominated' as 'interventionS in male-dominated'. Ie add 's' and the word 'in'.
L124 add a full stop after 'studies' then start a new sentence.
L125 replace 'secondly' with 'second'.
L125 add the word 'in' after 'effectiveness IN improving'. Replace 'thirdly' with 'third'.
L127 reword 'describe the use of…' as 'describe interventions used…'. Also see note above re
difference between this objective and those outlined earlier.
L141-142 delete the word 'to' in 'to health restoration and to health improvement'. Its redundant.
L144 add 's' to 'definitionS'.

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