Reviewer’s report

Title: Protocol for a scoping review of the current data practices in Forensic Medicine

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-Suggest the authors plans to follow PRISMA Extension for Scoping Reviews: Checklist Ann Intern Med 2018, there are several items that will help standardized this Scoping Reviews

-Search terms in each database are different. Please attach syntax used and search terms in each database as supplementary.

-Who are "two independent investigators"?

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

-How authors will deal with missing data. Do the reviewers plan to contact the primary investigators via emails?

-Please plan to make the data for this review publicly available, possibly through the Open Science Framework (osf.io). Items to include: list of excluded studies, commands for statistical analysis, spreadsheets or data used for the meta-analyses, etc. Making data publicly available will promote the reproducibility of the review and is best practices for systematic reviews and meta-analyses.

-Figure1, suggest to use PRISMA 2009 Flow Diagram platform

-How will you plan to grade the quality of included studies?

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