Reviewer’s report

Title: Uncontrolled hypertension among patients with comorbidities in sub-Saharan Africa: protocol for a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer's report:

Thanks for inviting me to review this manuscript. Authors of this protocol plan to conduct a systematic review of the prevalence of uncontrolled hypertension among patients with comorbidities in sub-Saharan Africa. Authors adequately followed the PRISMA-P recommendations for reporting protocols of systematic reviews.

Few comments:

- Did authors considered searching unpublished literature such as thesis or report from health organisations?

- Authors should carefully consider the potential clinical heterogeneity among included studies (especially that they are including both community and hospital settings).

- Authors should justify the importance of this review given the 2013 review on the prevalence of uncontrolled HTN generally.

- Authors should be consistent regarding objectives: "This review aims to estimate the prevalence of uncontrolled hypertension among patients with comorbidities in sub-Saharan Africa." or "This study aims to conduct a systematic review and meta-analysis on the burden of uncontrolled hypertension among patients with comorbidities in SSA". As the later might be understood as more than the prevalence.

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