**Reviewer’s report**

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This is an interesting study to conduct, the world is likely to experience a lot these crimes next decade.

Language was well presented, remember to use scientific words for research.

Line 36-42: Rephrase this paragraph. This is a review protocol to guide future research. I suggest you find published protocols for reference. The correct way will be to say 'the results of the study is anticipated to' or we anticipate finding……not use of detailed picture

Line 48: This is not a good way to start you background, start this by stating the crime trends that biotechnology facilitates.

Line 64-74: It is advisable to report on the crimes related to your review using literature, it seems you are only defining these terms and it is unclear what the state of global, regional and local trends are based on literature.

Line 87 & 93: Please clarify your aim, which one is it? Scientific reading is important, the aim of the study cannot be to inform, extract, etc.

Line 89: You need to reveal evidence on….rephrase

Line 99: Research question also need to ask 'what is the evidence on……..

Where are your objectives? You have reported aims about three times in three different sections and they are all different (87, 93, 112).

Line 111-149: Eligibility criteria should clearly state the inclusion and exclusion criteria. This section needs to be improved because it is combination of both criteria. Sometimes it helps to do it in point form so that it becomes clear. Why do you limit you study to English language? It is possible that you can get good literature from other languages which can be translated to English.

Line 176: Please reference this sentence unless it is your own work.

Line 184 - 193: Did you conduct a pilot? If so, please present the results.

Line 232: Work on this section using the previous comments
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