Reviewer’s report

Title: A systematic review protocol for crime trends facilitated by synthetic biology.

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Reviewer: Smriti Nepal

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for carefully revising the manuscript. The authors have addressed most of my questions/comments. There are a few more suggestions from me, I believe making these changes will make the protocol paper easier to understand for the reader.

(1) Lines 122-123: Thank you for describing what the Eppi Center software is. For the paper, I think it would be better if the authors described how they will use the software for this systematic review instead of what the software does. For example: "Eppi Center Review software will be used to upload and analyse extracted references."

(2) Line 136 'hierarchy of evidence': I don't think this phrase has been used correctly here. Please revisit.

(3) Line 182 'outcome measured': This section should correspond to the what you have stated under aims and objectives of the systematic review. I would suggest that you break this section up into primary and secondary outcomes so that it is consistent.

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