Reviewer’s report

Title: Professional medical writing support and the quality, ethics and timeliness of clinical trial reporting: a systematic review

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The authors have reviewed the literature pertaining to the impact of professional medical writing support on the quality of research reporting and summarise their findings in a narrative review. This is a nicely written paper with a clear objective and results that will be of particular interest to medical publication professionals, and to readers interested in the accurate and swift dissemination of clinical data. It would be preferred if the analysis was more heavily based on fully published data than on conference abstracts, but they do address this in their discussion. I have a few specific comments noted in the pdf, and the referencing goes a little squiffy at the end, but recommend this for publication with minor amends. Thank you for the opportunity to review.

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