

Review of: "Reasons for diagnostic delays in Bipolar Disorder: Systematic review and narrative synthesis"

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The topic of the manuscripts was thought-provoking and important for clinicians. However, I have my individual comments as feedback for the authors to improve the quality of the manuscript.

1. In the title, please remove the narrative synthesis word as this was not done.
2. In the introduction, authors need to cite more current literature relevant to their research work. Furthermore, in the background, authors should emphasize the contribution and effectiveness of previous studies in the advancement of BD diagnosis.
3. In the Methodology, the authors mentioned inclusion and exclusion criteria but did not cite borderline personality disorder and cyclothymia symptoms, which are often misdiagnosed with BD.
4. Tabularize characteristics and results from 21 systematic reviews.
5. Was any quantitative data included, as mentioned in the inclusion criteria, in the review?
6. In Figure 1, there were 17, but authors reported 21 studies in the overall manuscript.