

Review of: "How many papers are published each week reporting on trials of interventions involving behavioural aspects of health?"

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The manuscript addresses a narrowly defined but relevant research question. Here are some suggestions.

1. I suggest to state explicitly that studies on healthcare providers are not included.
2. The search seems focused on health-related lifestyles and addiction behaviours. It seems that adherence to treatment is missing. If correct, I suggest to acknowledge this as limitation.
3. The numbers of hits in Pubmed are plausible. I repeated the search in Pubmed and found similar numbers. It is of course unfortunate that no other databases were not searched.
4. The main limitation of the study is that only 2 x 100 papers were examined. I do not think that there is high risk of selection bias, but this number is rather low. A sample of 200 or 250 would be more convincing.
5. The calculation of number of hours and costs for data-abstraction from studies in the discussion section is largely unrelated to this study and seem somewhat speculative. The cost figures are also specific for the UK or high income countries generally.