

# Review of: "Mental Health Challenges Among Children and Adolescents Associated With HIV Status Disclosure: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Protocol"

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The article presents a well-structured protocol for a systematic review and meta-analysis on mental health challenges among children and adolescents associated with HIV status disclosure. Addressing minor improvements in clarity, formatting, and transparency would enhance the quality and impact of the study.

1. The abstract could be improved by providing clearer statements regarding the expected implications for clinical practice and health policy.
2. The methods section is detailed and well-organized. It includes clear inclusion and exclusion criteria, a comprehensive search strategy, and a detailed plan for study selection, data extraction, and risk of bias assessment. However, providing rationale for each criterion and specifying the statistical methods for data analysis would enhance clarity.
3. The discussion section should focus on interpreting the potential findings in relation to existing literature and study limitations. It could further elaborate on the implications of the study findings for clinical practice, policy-making, and future research. Addressing potential biases or limitations in the study design and data analysis would strengthen this section.

This article can be published after addressing the minor suggestions.

Best,

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