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Review of: "Benefits to Mental Wellbeing from Making Positive Changes in Health-Related Behaviours: An Ultra-Rapid Review"

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I am a search strategy specialist. My review pertains only to the search strategy part of the manuscript.

A. Choice of databases:

The database PubMed and the search engine (not a database) Google Scholar have been used. The search would, in my experience, be significantly better by searching the databases PsycINFO and Embase as well.

B. Search strategy - I have the following remarks concerning the search strategy.

The details of the search strategy provided are limited, so I am unable to assess the quality. The use of the AI tool is, from my point of view, questionable - most importantly, these kinds of systems do not allow reproducibility. Also, no information on the numbers retrieved is provided, so it is difficult for me to assess the results of the search.

To conclude: important evidence could be missed due to the limitation of the databases used. Also, scientific reproducibility is compromised by the use of AI tools.

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