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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript of Nassar et al. aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the systematic reviews pertaining COVID-19 and covering a broad range of fields and topics (i.e., treatment, outcome, special populations). The paper is informative and interesting, quite easy to read actually in spite of its gargantuan size. The project is extremely ambitious and an important contribution per se as it gives a distilled view of an immense body of literature. I also recognize among the long list of authors many individuals who have made important scientific contributions during the past year and the pandemic, which brings me to my main criticism which is the reference list and the referencing style. From page 25 on, there are about 15 references cited for the 10 last pages of the manuscript, while the information presented is based on tens if not hundreds of systematic reviews. Why are those reviews not cited? What was the criteria for selecting the titles still presented in the reference list? The first? The last? The largest? The best? As it is now the list covers 4% all the studies analyzed. Closer to my field of expertise, I have to note that the literature covering “COVID-19 and transplantation” is very incomplete: The paper of Marinaki et al (reference 39) is a verbatim of the first systematic review in the field (Oltean et al, Infect Dis Nov 2020) with more updated numbers but identical results. The paper of Moris et al (Transplant Inf Dis, Dec 2020) is also left out although it is very well written and was also a large source of inspiration for Marinaki. Likewise, the paper of Avery (Transplantation, Jan 2021) or Zaidan (Transplantation, Jan 2021) should be included as all of these have been freely available online since the autumn. Many individuals who put strenuous efforts to provide quality data to the scientific community while being overwhelmed by the pandemic at work will feel frustrated by not having their work acknowledged. I think the authors should consider a more sensible approach to this.



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