

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Editor, Permit me to thank you for the opportunity to review the manuscript entitled "What are the self-management experiences of the elderly with diabetes? A systematic review of qualitative research" by Li T-J et al. This is an interesting systematic review and qualitative synthesis of publications focusing on self-management of elderly suffering from diabetes. It aims to elucidate facilitators and barriers on the field, thus improving the attitude of healthcare providers and researchers. The manuscript is generally well prepared, following an acceptable methodology and using an average to good level of language. However, there are some issues that could be addressed to the authors before considering publication: Major issue: Authors are wellcome to discuss how they confront "Standards for reporting qualitative research: a synthesis of recommendations" (<https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/srqr/>) and "Enhancing transparency in reporting the synthesis of qualitative research: ENTREQ" (<https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/entreq/>) in their manuscript. Minor issues: 1) Databases used for data retrieval were accessed about a year ago. Do the authors wish to update their search? If not, can they explain their decision? 2) How did the authors search for gray literature? 3) Why did the authors select only English and Chinese publications, thus excluding e.g. publications in German, French, Spanish etc? Can they explain their approach? Under these circumstances, I would be glad to re-review a revised manuscript, if prepared.