

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<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

Preferences for oral- versus blood-based HIV Self-testing: A scoping review of the literature In this study, the preferability of oral and blood tests in self-administered HIV tests was investigated as a systematic review with 8 different studies. I believe that the study will contribute to the literature as it is a subject that is little mentioned and is inclusive. Needs major and minor revision before publication. My suggestions: 1. In the title according to PRISMA criteria, systematic review should be added at the top of manuscript as Manuscript Type: systematic review (PRISMA1) 2. Please, add clear statement of purpose in the introduction. (PRISMA4) 3. Citing studies that may appear to meet the inclusion criteria but are excluded, and explain why they were excluded (PRISMA 16b). 4. Please provide r registration information with registration name and registration number if it was not present, indicate that the review is not registered (PRISMA 24a). Minor: 1. Where abbreviations such as RCT, PHC, FSW, MSM are used for the first time in the text, specifying their explicit form in parentheses. 2. Plese add an explanatory subtext in Table 1.