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Letter to Editor

The Quality of Systematic Review Articles in the International Journal of Medical Reviews (IJMR)

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Dear Editor,

The preferred reporting system of systematic review articles is PRISMA statement.^{1,2} While reviewing the archive of the IJMR in the journal's website, and as reading the systematic review articles published in volume 3, issue 3 and 2 of 2016, I found out that there was no reference to the PRISMA statement at all.³⁻¹⁰ Although, several studies have reported the lack of compliance with PRISMA.¹¹⁻¹⁴ It is expected that in the near future the IJMR publishes systematic review articles that follow the PRISMA checklist.

The following suggestions can lead to increased compliance with the PRISMA checklist. The first step is

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to inform the authors of the articles in the author's guideline section of the IJMR website. The second step is to inform the reviewers of systematic articles to check this issue. Albeit, it is highly recommended that the editorial team i.e. editor-in-chief or assistant editor check this issue before sending article to reviewers. Although this process is time-consuming and difficult, over time, the quality of articles will definitely increase.

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