

## PEER REVIEW HISTORY

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### ARTICLE DETAILS

<b>TITLE (PROVISIONAL)</b>	Protocol for an HTA report: Does therapeutic writing help people with long term conditions? Systematic review, realist synthesis and economic modelling
<b>AUTHORS</b>	Meads, Catherine; PerezNyssen, Olga; Wong, Geoff; Steed, Liz; Bourke, Liam; Ross, Carol; Hayman, Sheila; Field, Victoria; Lord, Joanne; Greenhalgh, Trisha; Taylor, Stephanie

### VERSION 1 - REVIEW

<b>REVIEWER</b>	Kay Wilhelm University of NSW/St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney Australia
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	11-Dec-2013

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	<p>The paper sets out a research plan for assessing studies on expressive writing. Interestingly, there is a significant contribution from a health economics viewpoint.</p> <p>It is very thorough, as times a bit dense, but certainly comprehensive. The authors spell out their definitions, inclusion/exclusion criteria, methods for evaluating data and timeline. It provides a good framework for others venturing into studies of this nature.</p> <p>There are some typos which I expect would be picked up by your editors.</p> <p>I noticed '.' missing after obesity on p8, non writing is one word in Table 1</p> <p>A comprehensive review of how they will undertake a large and ambitious project. I hope this throws some light on HOW expressive writing works but the findings will depend on what is published. I will await the findings with interest!</p>
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