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### **ARTICLE DETAILS**

| TITLE (PROVISIONAL) | CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEDIATRIC INJURY CARE: protocol for A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW   |
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| AUTHORS             | Moore, Lynne; Freire, Gabrielle; Ben Abdeljelil, Anis; Berube, Melanie; Tardif, Pier-Alexandre; Gnanvi, Eunice; Stelfox, Henry; Beaudin, Marianne; Carsen, Sasha; Stang, Antonia; Beno, Suzanne; Weiss, Matthew; Labrosse, Melanie; Zemek, Roger; Gagnon, Isabelle; Beaulieu, Emilie; Berthelot, Simon; Klassen, Terry; Turgeon, Alexis; Lauzier, François; Pike, Ian; Macpherson, Alison; Gabbe, Belinda; Yanchar, Natalie |

### **VERSION 1 – REVIEW**

| REVIEWER         | Bugaev, N  |
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|                  | Tufts Medical Center, Surgery  |
| REVIEW RETURNED  | 24-Jan-2022  |
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| GENERAL COMMENTS | Outstanding work.  |
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| REVIEWER         | Kiragu, Andrew   |
|                  | Hennepin County Medical Center, Pediatrics   |
| REVIEW RETURNED  | 15-Feb-2022  |
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| GENERAL COMMENTS | The authors describe the process by which they will perform a systematic review of the literature on clinical practice guideline recommendations for pediatric injury care. An ambitious project. A couple of questions/concerns  1. The statement that "evidence suggests the presence of deficiencies in the quality of care provided to up to half of all pediatric trauma patients in Canada, the US, and Australia" seems overly broad and the authors cite one source to back this statement.  2. The authors will need to also account for the heterogeneity of the pediatric populations in the different countries being studied as well as differences in injury patterns, resource availability, health systems, EMS systems, etc. in these countries. They appear to allude to this in the conclusion. |
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| REVIEWER         | Leichtle, Alexander  |
| REVIEW RETURNED  | University of Bern<br>15-Feb-2022  |
| REVIEW RETURNED  | 10-F60-2022  |
| CENEDAL COMMENTS | Deview of the manuscript IICLINICAL DRACTICE CLUBELINE   |
| GENERAL COMMENTS | Review of the manuscript "CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEDIATRIC INJURY CARE: PROTOCOL FOR A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW" by Moore et al.   |

The authors present a study draft for generating a systematic review of CPG recommendations for pediatric injury care. General comments:

The topic is important, the protocol is detailed and seems to be complete

# Specific comments:

1. The inclusion of only high-income countries might generate some bias. Would there be a possibility of adapting recommendations in a way, that these can be, at least in part, also used in other countries to benefit also these?

### **VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE**

Reviewer: 1

Dr. N Bugaev, Tufts Medical Center

Comments to the Author:

Outstanding work.

We thank the reviewer for his very positive feedback.

Reviewer: 2

Dr. Andrew Kiragu, Hennepin County Medical Center

Comments to the Author:

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1. The statement that "evidence suggests the presence of deficiencies in the quality of care provided to up to half of all pediatric trauma patients in Canada, the US, and Australia" seems overly broad and the authors cite one source to back this statement.

We have added precisions to this statement to clarify.

2. The authors will need to also account for the heterogeneity of the pediatric populations in the different countries being studied as well as differences in injury patterns, resource availability, health systems, EMS systems, etc. in these countries. They appear to allude to this in the conclusion. We absolutely agree. First, we have planned to stratify our synthesis by diagnostic group (TBI, SCI, thoraco-abdominal, multisystem). This information has been added to the Methods section. Second, several items of AGREE instruments that we will use to evaluate the quality of CPGs have items pertaining to how contextual elements were considered in the development phase (e.g. facilitators/barriers, resource implications, applicability to target users, applicability to patients or populations, values and preferences of patients/families and target users). Third, while we believe it is extremely important to synthesize recommendations from LMICs, we prefer to do so in a separate review. We have mentioned this as a limit in the Strengths and Limitations bullet points and in the Limitations section at the end of the manuscript.

Reviewer: 3

Dr. Alexander Leichtle, University of Bern

Comments to the Author:

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Reviewer: 1

Competing interests of Reviewer: No competing interests to report

Reviewer: 2

Competing interests of Reviewer: I have no competing interests

Reviewer: 3

Competing interests of Reviewer: none

### **VERSION 2 - REVIEW**

| REVIEWER         | Kiragu, Andrew  |
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|                  | Hennepin County Medical Center, Pediatrics                |
| REVIEW RETURNED  | 08-Mar-2022   |
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| GENERAL COMMENTS | The authors have satisfactorily addressed my concerns and |
|                  | recommend this work be accepted for publication.          |
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| REVIEWER         | Leichtle, Alexander                                       |
|                  | University of Bern  |
| REVIEW RETURNED  | 27-Mar-2022   |
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| GENERAL COMMENTS | My concern was adequately addressed                       |