Reviewer's report

Title: Fatigue in Traumatic Brain Injury: predictors and consequences: a systematic review of longitudinal studies protocol.

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Reviewer: Laura Bonnett

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Major Compulsory Revisions - None

Minor Essential Revisions
1. I have looked through your search strategies and I notice that you have limited some to people "19 plus years" (MEDLINE) and others to adults aged 17 or over (PsycINFO). However, in the Methods section of the protocol you refer to "adults aged 18 years and over." Therefore, please double check the search strategy to ensure consistency across the included studies. It would also add to the systematic review to comment on your interest in adults only.

2. In the exclusion criteria it is clear why you have excluded impaired alertness or vigilance but I am unsure the difference between fatigue and sleepiness. I know that there is not an accepted definition of fatigue however, I think you should justify how it differs to sleepiness especially as one leads to exclusion and the other leads to inclusion.

Discretionary Revisions
1. I prefer the term "data extraction" rather than "data abstraction" but that's a personal opinion!

2. Abstract, background, line 1: I think "deliberating" should read "debilitating"

3. Abstract, methods, line 3: I think it should be "focus" rather than "focuses"

4. Data collection, Selection of studies, 8: I think the sentence should finish with "table".

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests