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### ARTICLE DETAILS

<b>TITLE (PROVISIONAL)</b>	Association of ABO Blood Groups with Allergic Diseases: A Scoping Review
<b>AUTHORS</b>	Dahalan, Nur Hidayah; Tuan Din, Sharifah Azdiana; Mohamad, Siti Mardhiana

### VERSION 1 – REVIEW

<b>REVIEWER</b>	Cemal Cingi MD Eskisehir Osmangazi University, ENT Dept. Turkey
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	15-Mar-2019

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	It is an interesting study with some limitations. It may lead further studies.
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<b>REVIEWER</b>	Bright Nwaru University of Gothenburg, Sweden
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	22-Mar-2019

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	THIS IS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION THE AUTHORS HAVE SET OUT TO ADDRESS. THE PAPER IS WELL-WRITTEN. HOWEVER, MY MAIN CONCERN IS THE AUTHORS NEED NOT TO REACH THIS CONCLUSIONS THEY HAVE REACHED IN THE PAPER AS THOSE CONCLUSIONS ARE BEYOND THE SCOPE OF A SCOPING REVIEW. THE GOAL OF A SCOPING REVIEW NEEDS TO BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD - WHICH IS TO MAP A FIELD OF RESEARCH IN TERMS OF THE VOLUME, NATURE, AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PRIMARY STUDY, AND COSTS OF UNDERTAKING A FULL SYSTEMATIC REVIEW - THEREBY PROVIDING THE IMPETUS FOR A FULL-SCALE SYSTEMATIC REVIEW. NOW I CAN SAY THAT THE AUTHORS HAVE GONE BEYOND A SCOPING REVIEW BY ACTUALLY UNDERTAKING A FULL REVIEW AND I STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT THEY UPGRADE THIS TO A FULL SYSTEMATIC REVIEW IN WHICH CASE THEY SHOULD UNDERTAKE QUALITY APPRAISAL OF THE STUDY AND THE REMAINING STEPS TO SYNTHESIZE THE EVIDENCE PROPERLY. OTHERWISE, THESE CONCLUSIONS ARE OUT OF PLACE FOR A SCOPING REVIEW AS IT HAS GONE BEYOND ITS GOAL
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<b>REVIEWER</b>	Luiz Carlos de Mattos Faculdade de Medicina de São Jose do Rio Preto - SP - Brazil
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	09-Aug-2019

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	The manuscript presented by Dahalan and colleagues is well conducted and written in a clear way. It shows the data of published papers reporting ABO blood groups and allergic conditions since
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1970. I believe it is suitable for publication in BMJ Open.
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### **VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE**

#### 2nd Reviewer comments

Thank you for your comments. We appreciate your concerns. We have made changes in the conclusion section accordingly so that it is suitable to be published as scoping review.

#### 1st and 2nd reviewer

Thank you for the positive feedbacks.