



PRISMA 2020 Checklist

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| TITLE | | | |
| Title | 1 | Identify the report as a systematic review. | In the title |
| ABSTRACT | | | |
| Abstract | 2 | See the PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist. | In the abstract |
| INTRODUCTION | | | |
| Rationale | 3 | Describe the rationale for the review in the context of existing knowledge. | In the first part of the introduction section |
| Objectives | 4 | Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses. | In the last paragraph of the introduction |
| METHODS | | | |
| Eligibility criteria | 5 | Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses. | In the “eligibility criteria” section of methods |
| Information sources | 6 | Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted. | In the “databases and search strategy” section of methods |
| Search strategy | 7 | Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used. | “Supplementary file 2” and in the “databases and search strategy” section of methods |
| Selection process | 8 | Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclusion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record and each report retrieved, whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process. | In the “study selection” section of methods |
| Data collection process | 9 | Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report, whether they worked independently, any processes for obtaining or confirming data from study investigators, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process. | In the “data extraction” section of methods |
| Data items | 10a | List and define all outcomes for which data were sought. Specify whether all results that were compatible with each outcome domain in each study were sought (e.g. for all measures, time points, analyses), and if not, the methods used to decide which results to collect. | In the “data extraction” section of methods |
| | 10b | List and define all other variables for which data were sought (e.g. participant and intervention characteristics, funding sources). Describe any assumptions made about any missing or unclear information. | In the “data extraction” section of methods, but also throughout “Supplementary file 3” where raw data is provided. |
| Study risk of bias assessment | 11 | Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies, including details of the tool(s) used, how many reviewers assessed each study and whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process. | In the “individual evidence level and risk of bias assessment” section of methods |
| Effect measures | 12 | Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results. | In the “data synthesis, analysis, and statistics” section of methods |
| Synthesis methods | 13a | Describe the processes used to decide which studies were eligible for each synthesis (e.g. tabulating the study intervention characteristics and comparing against the planned groups for each synthesis (item #5)). | In the “eligibility criteria” section of methods |
| | 13b | Describe any methods required to prepare the data for presentation or synthesis, such as handling of missing summary statistics, or data conversions. | In the “data synthesis, analysis, and statistics” section of methods |
| | 13c | Describe any methods used to tabulate or visually display results of individual studies and syntheses. | In the “data extraction” section of |



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| | 13d | Describe any methods used to synthesize results and provide a rationale for the choice(s). If meta-analysis was performed, describe the model(s), method(s) to identify the presence and extent of statistical heterogeneity, and software package(s) used. | In the “data synthesis, analysis, and statistics” section of methods |
| | 13e | Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of heterogeneity among study results (e.g. subgroup analysis, meta-regression). | n/a |
| | 13f | Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of the synthesized results. | n/a |
| Reporting bias assessment | 14 | Describe any methods used to assess risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis (arising from reporting biases). | In the “Individual evidence level and risk of bias assessment” section of methods |
| Certainty assessment | 15 | Describe any methods used to assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome. | n/a |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Study selection | 16a | Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow diagram. | In the “study selection” section of methods |
| | 16b | Cite studies that might appear to meet the inclusion criteria, but which were excluded, and explain why they were excluded. | n/a |
| Study characteristics | 17 | Cite each included study and present its characteristics. | In the “study selection” section of methods (Supplementary file 3, Table A) |
| Risk of bias in studies | 18 | Present assessments of risk of bias for each included study. | In the “Individual evidence level and risk of bias assessment” section of methods (Supplementary file 3, Table B) |
| Results of individual studies | 19 | For all outcomes, present, for each study: (a) summary statistics for each group (where appropriate) and (b) an effect estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval), ideally using structured tables or plots. | All-over throughout the results section |
| Results of syntheses | 20a | For each synthesis, briefly summarise the characteristics and risk of bias among contributing studies. | n/a |
| | 20b | Present results of all statistical syntheses conducted. If meta-analysis was done, present for each the summary estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval) and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect. | n/a |
| | 20c | Present results of all investigations of possible causes of heterogeneity among study results. | n/a |
| | 20d | Present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesized results. | n/a |
| Reporting biases | 21 | Present assessments of risk of bias due to missing results (arising from reporting biases) for each synthesis assessed. | In the “data synthesis, analysis, and statistics” section of methods |
| Certainty of evidence | 22 | Present assessments of certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for each outcome assessed. | n/a |
| DISCUSSION | | | |
| Discussion | 23a | Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence. | A discussion is provided after each section or topic addressed in the results and discussion |



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| | 23b | Discuss any limitations of the evidence included in the review. | The limitations are discussed in at the end of Part 2 of the systematic review |
| | 23c | Discuss any limitations of the review processes used. | The limitations are discussed in at the end of Part 2 of the systematic review |
| | 23d | Discuss implications of the results for practice, policy, and future research. | In the conclusion part |
| OTHER INFORMATION | | | |
| Registration and protocol | 24a | Provide registration information for the review, including register name and registration number, or state that the review was not registered. | In the first paragraph of the methods |
| | 24b | Indicate where the review protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared. | In the first paragraph of the methods |
| | 24c | Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol. | In the first paragraph of the methods |
| Support | 25 | Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the review, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the review. | In the “funding” section at the end of the review |
| Competing interests | 26 | Declare any competing interests of review authors. | In the “conflict of interest” section at the end of the review |
| Availability of data, code and other materials | 27 | Report which of the following are publicly available and where they can be found: template data collection forms; data extracted from included studies; data used for all analyses; analytic code; any other materials used in the review. | In the “data availability statement” section at the end of the review |

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