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PRISMA-P Checklist

Scope: Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic review and Meta-Analysis Protocols.

Reference: See `source/variants/prisma-p.yml` for canonical link and provenance.

Instructions

- Use the boxes to confirm each reporting item.
- Add reviewer notes under each section as needed.

Title

- ☐ **1a. Title:** Identification of the report as a protocol of a systematic review.
- ☐ **1b. Update:** If the protocol is for an update of an existing review, identify as such.

Abstract

- ☐ **2. Abstract:** Provide a structured summary of the protocol, including:
  - **Background:** Rationale for the review.
  - **Methods:** Key elements of the methods, including eligibility criteria, information sources, risk of bias assessment, and data synthesis.
  - **Registration:** If registered, provide the registration number and registry name.

Introduction

- ☐ **3. Rationale:** Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.
- ☐ **4. Objectives:** Provide an explicit statement of the question(s) the review will address with reference to participants, interventions, comparators, and outcomes (PICO).

Methods

- ☐ **5. Eligibility criteria:** Specify the study characteristics (e.g., PICO, study design, setting, time frame) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) to be used as criteria for eligibility for the review.
- ☐ **6. Information sources:** Describe all intended information sources (e.g., electronic databases, contact with study authors, trial registers, or other grey literature sources) with planned dates of coverage.

- ☐ **7. Search strategy:** Present a draft of the search strategy to be used for at least one electronic database, including planned limits, such that it could be repeated.
- ☐ **8. Study records: data management:** Describe the mechanism(s) that will be used to manage records and data throughout the review.
- ☐ **9. Study records: selection process:** State the process that will be used for selecting studies (e.g., two independent reviewers) for inclusion in the review.
- ☐ **10. Study records: data collection process:** Describe the process of data extraction, including how it will be done and who will do it.
- ☐ **11a. Data items:** List and define all variables for which data will be sought, including PICO and other relevant data for the review.
- ☐ **11b. Outcomes and prioritization:** List and define all outcomes for which data will be sought. If more than one, prioritize and explain the choice of the main outcomes.
- ☐ **12. Risk of bias in individual studies:** Describe the planned method for assessing risk of bias in individual studies, including how it will be used in data synthesis.
- ☐ **13. Data synthesis:** Describe the planned methods of data synthesis, including a description of the summary measures and any planned investigation of heterogeneity.
- ☐ **14. Meta-bias(es):** Describe any planned assessment of meta-bias(es) (e.g., publication bias, selective reporting within studies).
- ☐ **15. Confidence in cumulative evidence:** Describe how the strength of the body of evidence will be assessed.

Other

- ☐ **16. Amendments:** Describe any planned amendments to the protocol.
- ☐ **17. Dissemination:** Describe the planned dissemination strategy.

Notes

Reviewer notes

Provenance

- Source: See sidecar metadata in `source/variants/prisma-p.yml`
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