**Previous studies**

**Identification of new studies via databases and registers**

Studies included in previous version of review (n = )

Reports of studies included in previous version of review (n = )

Records identified from\*:

Databases (n = )

Registers (n = )

Records removed *before screening*:

Duplicate records removed (n = )

Records marked as ineligible by automation tools (n = )

Records removed for other reasons (n = )

**Identification**

Total studies included in review

(n = )

Reports of total included studies

(n = )

Reports assessed for eligibility

(n = )

Reports sought for retrieval

(n = )

Records screened

(n = )

Records excluded\*\*

(n = )

Reports not retrieved

(n = )

**Screening**

Reports excluded:

Reason 1 (n = )

Reason 2 (n = )

Reason 3 (n = )

etc.

New studies included in review

(n = )

Reports of new included studies

(n = )

**Included**

\*Consider, if feasible to do so, reporting the number of records identified from each database or register searched (rather than the total number across all databases/registers).

\*\*If automation tools were used, indicate how many records were excluded by a human and how many were excluded by automation tools.

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