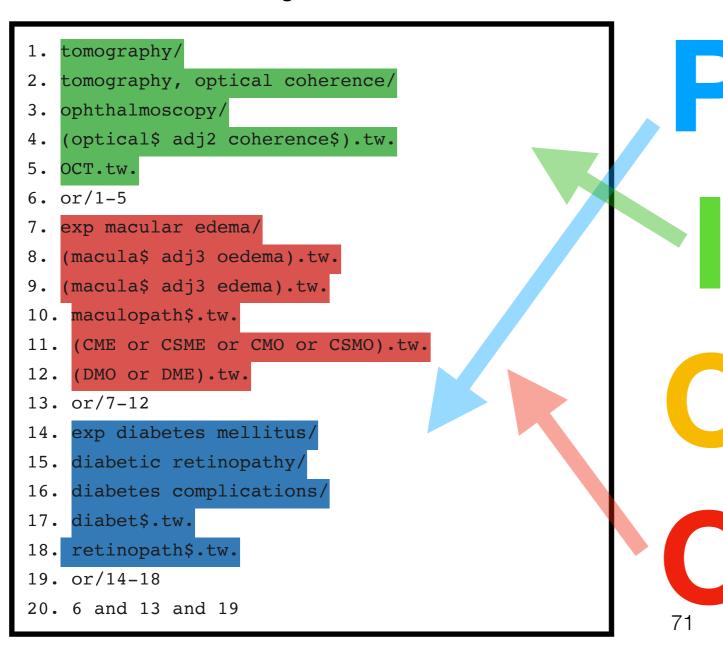
## **PICO**

- Population, Intervention, Control, Outcome
- PICO is a framework for framing clinical questions
- Used extensively in medicine
  - P population the question refers to (e.g., males aged 20-50);
  - I intervention the population is administered with (e.g., weight loss drug);
  - C the criteria for comparison or control (e.g., controlled exercise regime);
  - O outcome to measure (e.g., weight loss)



## How is PICO used in this task?

**Search strategy** of systematic review is formulated using PICO



Research question, title, abstract of systematic review fit PICO framework

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Avascular Zone (EFICAZ): a
noninvasive tool for correlating
morphological and functional damage in
central diabetic macular edema.

As numerous factors account for diabetic maculopathy, retinal thickness alone is poorly correlated to visual function in diabetic macular edema. En face optical coherence tomography (OCT) enables assessing retinal changes at specific layers. By averaging several planes, overall changes can be better appreciated.