

## **Template for Survey or Review Article**

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1    **Abstract:** Your Abstract must be structured with the following five sections and contain  
2    fewer than 250 words.

3    •   Background:

4    •   Questions/purposes:

5    •   Methods:

6    •   Results:

7    •   Conclusions:

8    Note: Authors of Meta-analyses must follow QUORUM guidelines. All reviews must be  
9    systematic and follow the **Cochrane guidelines**. These guidelines have been established  
10   to tell authors what information is required to ensure readers can properly evaluate a  
11   study.

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13     **Introduction** (maximum of 500 words)

- 14     • All manuscripts must contain an Introduction, typically 3-4 paragraphs.
- 15     • Generally include one paragraph of background, one or two of rationale, and a final
- 16         paragraph stating the questions or purposes.
- 17     • Generally formulate no more than 2-4 questions or purposes; each should be
- 18         sufficiently important that their answers would appear in an Abstract.

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20     **Search Strategy and Criteria**

21     Explicitly describe your search strategy.

- 22     • Specify all search engines (e.g., MedLine, EMBASE, Google Scholar).
- 23     • Note all search criteria including Boolean operators and Medline Field Tags (if any).
- 24         Note the number of initial articles you identified, then the numbers as you introduced
- 25         exclusion criteria.
- 26     • Create a flow chart noting the numbers of articles identified initially, then the
- 27         exclusion steps with the numbers left after each exclusion. As with any experimental
- 28         study, the descriptions should be sufficiently complete than another investigator
- 29         would essentially be able to reproduce your findings from your descriptions (realizing
- 30         later dates of search will yield somewhat differing results).
- 31     • Any summary of individual articles should appear in this section (if brief) or in an
- 32         Appendix (if more than 500 words), with Results limited to that summary information
- 33         required to address the questions.

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35 **Results** (maximum of 500 words)

- 36 • Ensure a one-to-one correspondence of questions raised in the Introduction and  
37 answers provided in Results. Provide one paragraph for each explicit question.

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39 **Discussion** ( maximum of 1000 words)

- 40 • Begin with a restatement of rationale and the questions.
- 41 • Briefly describe the literature limitations for your review. Readers should generally  
42 understand from this review what sorts of questions might be answered and which  
43 could not be.
- 44 • Highlight major controversies and unresolved issues. That is, what studies would be  
45 needed to address the major issues.
- 46 • End with a synthesis addressing the key questions.

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- Note any nonfinancial acknowledgments. Begin with, “The Authors wish to thank...”

## References

- Ensure your references are complete and in alphabetical order and proper format. Use the modified AMA style – for example:

Kurtz S, Ong K, Lau E, Mowat F, Halpern M. Projections of primary and revision hip and knee arthroplasty in the United States from 2005 to 2030. *J Bone Joint Surg Am.* 2007;89:780-5

- In-text citations should appear before commas and periods and located in a sentence immediately after the point they are documenting.

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