

CRITICAL ANALYSIS TOPICS FOR SYSTEMATIC REVIEW ARTICLES

The paper should be structured according to the following sections.

Title

- It is limited to 16 words
- In Portuguese, English, and Spanish
- It is consistent with the review issue

Abstract

- It is limited to 170 words
- It includes the Introduction
- It identifies the Objectives
- It includes the Methodology (Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria, Search Strategy, Study Selection, Methodological Quality Assessment of Studies, Data Extraction, and Data Synthesis)
- It includes the Results
- It presents the Conclusion (including the implications for practice and research)
- In Portuguese, English, and Spanish
- Without citations

Keywords

- The article is limited to 6 keywords, presented according to the MeSH (Medical Subject Headings)/ DeCS (Descritores em Ciências da Saúde) descriptors

Introduction

- It includes a brief theoretical framework
- It presents the key concepts (including the description of all elements of the mnemonics used)
- It explains the need for the proposed review (includes information about the previous search for systematic reviews on the same or similar topics; the non-existence of systematic reviews on the same or similar topics identified in that search; and/or explains why this review is different from existing reviews identified in that search)

- It presents the review question/objective(s) (PICO Strategy, PICO, PEO, or PIRD, ...)

Methodology

- It indicates the methodological approach used
- It presents the registration information of the systematic review (Platform and Number)

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

- It describes the inclusion/exclusion criteria of the studies (elaborated according to the mnemonic used; additionally, it can include criteria related to study designs, publication date, and publication languages)

Search strategy and identification of the studies

- It describes the methods for searching the published and unpublished literature
- It includes the databases and other resources searched
- It presents the search formulas/strategies used

Study selection process

- It describes methods for performing the study selection process (Including bibliographic management information or tools used)
- It indicates the presence of two reviewers in the study selection process

Assessment of the methodological quality of the studies

- It describes the methods for assessing the methodological quality of studies (describing the inclusion/exclusion criteria for studies based on a methodological quality assessment)
- It presents the instrument used for the methodological quality assessment of the studies
- It indicates the presence of two reviewers for assessing the methodological quality of the studies

Data extraction

- It describes the methods for extracting data from the studies
- It presents the data extraction instrument or tool used
- It indicates the presence of two data extraction reviewers

Data synthesis

- It describes the methods for synthesizing the studies: narrative synthesis and, when applicable, meta-analysis for quantitative data or meta-aggregation/meta-synthesis for qualitative data

Results

- It shows the results of the study selection process, including a PRISMA flow diagram (refining the search results until reaching the final corpus)
- It presents a table identifying the studies to be included
- It presents the results of the methodological quality assessment of the studies
- It presents a summary table of the extracted data
- It presents a narrative synthesis
- It presents meta-analysis or meta-aggregation/meta-synthesis (if applicable)

Discussion

- It includes the summary of the review's main findings and their discussion with other current evidence on this topic/data
- It presents the quality and limitations of the included studies
- It presents the limitations of the systematic review

Conclusion

- It presents the main conclusions responding to the systematic review question
- It shows the review's implications for practice and research

References

- Maximum of 30 references; at least 80% should be from articles in journals indexed in international databases and from the last three years.
- In accordance with the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th Edition (2020).