

Item 12: Information sources

Specify all databases, registers, preprint servers, websites, organizations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted.

Title	1	Title	✓
Abstract	2	See tip sheets for Abstracts	✓
Summary	3	Plain language summary	✓
Open Science	4	Registration and protocol <i>a. Registration information</i> <i>b. Accession of protocol</i> <i>c. Protocol amendments</i>	✓
	5	Support	✓
	6	Competing interests	
	7	Availability of data and other materials	
Introduction	8	Rationale	✓
	9	Objectives	
Methods	10	Followed guidelines	
	11	Eligibility criteria	
	12	Information sources	◀
	13	Search strategy	
	14	Selection process	
	15	Data collection process	
	16	Data items	
	17	Study risk of bias assessment	
	18	Measurement properties	
	19	Synthesis methods <i>a. Eligibility processes</i> <i>b. Methods for synthesis</i> <i>c. Causes of inconsistency</i> <i>d. Sensitivity analyses</i>	
	20	Certainty assessment	
Results	21	Formulating recommendations	
	22	Study selection <i>a. Results of search and selection</i> <i>b. Excluded reports with reasons</i>	
	23	OMI characteristics <i>a. Characteristics of OMIs</i> <i>b. Interpretability aspects of OMIs</i> <i>c. Feasibility aspects of OMIs</i>	
	24	Study characteristics	
	25	Risk of bias in studies	
	26	Results of individual studies	
	27	Results of syntheses <i>a. Results of syntheses conducted</i> <i>b. Results of causes of inconsistency</i> <i>c. Results of sensitivity analyses</i>	
	28	Certainty of evidence	
29	Recommendations		
Discussion	30	Discussion <i>a. Interpretation of results</i> <i>b. Limitations of evidence</i> <i>c. Limitations of review processes</i> <i>d. Implications</i>	

Tips for reporting this item:

- Specify the date when each source (such as database, register, website, organization) was last searched or consulted.
- If bibliographic databases were searched, specify for each database its name (such as MEDLINE, CINAHL), the interface or platform through which the database was searched (such as Ovid, EBSCOhost), and the dates of coverage (where this information is provided).
- If information pertaining to OMIs (such as a copy of the OMI, user/scoring manuals, measurement protocols) was searched, specify each source and when it was consulted, and any restrictions that were applied.
- If reference lists were examined, specify the types of references examined (such as references cited in study reports included in the systematic review, or references cited in systematic review reports on the same or a similar topic).
- See the [E&E](#) for specifics on what details should be reported for other information sources.

Examples:

“A comprehensive search was performed in the bibliographic databases MEDLINE (through PubMed) and EMBASE (through www.embase.com) from inception up to January 1, 2022 without language restrictions. [...] Reference lists of included articles were searched by hand to ensure all relevant studies and available translations were considered. [...] PROMs [patient-reported outcome measures] and manuals were retrieved by searching Google or by contacting PROM developers.”

Elsman EBM et al. Systematic review on the measurement properties of diabetes-specific patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) for measuring physical functioning in people with type 2 diabetes. *BMJ Open Diabetes Res. Care*, 2022;10(3):e002729. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjdr-2021-002729>.

See the [E&E](#) for more examples.

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