

Welcome to the three-day seminar

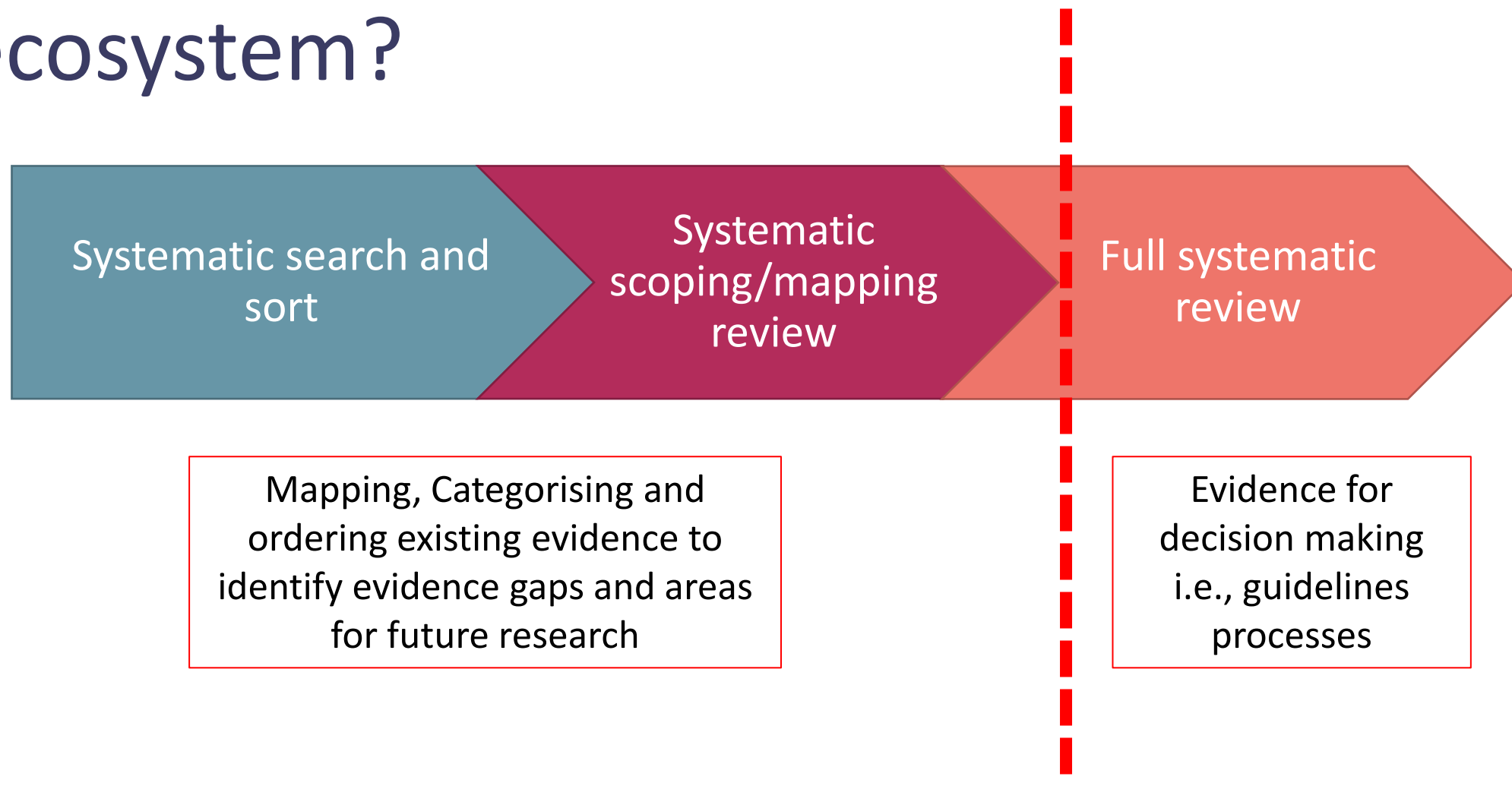
September 26 th	September 27 th	September 28 th
Types of systematic reviews Synthesis and meta-analysis	Selection of articles, screening, and data extraction Risk of bias Literature search	GRADE Protocol development and team composition Peer review of protocols
09.00 -12:00 1-Types of systematic reviews and how to frame and ask a specific question (LL, HA)	09.00 -10.45 3 &4 Screening, study selection, data extraction, software, and machine learning (LJL, UG, HA) 11:00 – 12.00 Risk of Bias (AF)	09.00 -10.00 Search follow up (MJ, IK) 10:15-12:00 6 GRADE and GRADE CERQual (LL, HA)
12.00 -12.30 Lunch	12.00 -12.30 Lunch	12.00 -12.30 Lunch
12.30 – 14:45 2-How to decide what data analysis approach to use. Part 1-quantitative and qualitative data (LL, HA) 15:00-16:00 Fine tuning of research questions and selection criteria (HA, LL, LJL, UG)	12.30 -15.00 Search workshop (MJ, IK) 15:15-16:30 Data synthesis exercises 5 Group 1: Quantitative data (LL) Group 2: Qualitative data and scoping reviews (HA)	12.30 -13.00 How to present results (LL, HA) 13.15 – 14.45 Protocol development and team experience and composition (LL) 14:45-15:00 Exam and supervision information (LL) 15:00-16:00 Supervisors available for questions (HA, LL, LJL, UG)

How to frame the question for different types of systematic reviews

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Where do they fit in the evidence ecosystem?



Types of systematic reviews

Systematic review (SR)	Health technology assessment (HTA)	Systematic scoping review	Evidence and gap map
<p>SR of primary studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevalence • Aetiology • Diagnosis • Effect • Prognosis • Qualitative evidence 	<p>SR +:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health economic evaluation • Legal aspects • Ethical aspects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and describe extent and characteristics in the literature regarding a specific topic • Summarize and communicate research on a specific topic • Identify knowledge gaps and suggest further research • Identify needs for a systematic review on a topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify knowledge gaps concerning effects of interventions in a thematic area • Tool for research prioritization and strategic research commissioning
<p>Overview of systematic reviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One population, several interventions • Several populations, one intervention • One population, one intervention, several outcomes • Several populations and interventions 			

Review Steps

FINISH

Formulate a
precise
review
question

Identify/locate
studies

Assess risk of
bias/
methodological
limitations

Collate and
analyse
data

Interpret
and write
up results

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Define the
inclusion- and
exclusion
criteria

Select studies
for inclusion,
sampling

Extract data

Assess the
certainty of
the findings
using GRADE
(CERQual)

Disseminate
results

NIPH -
START



Agenda

- Which type of systematic review does your question require?
 - ❖ Effect
 - ❖ Qualitative
 - ❖ Prevalence
 - ❖ Aetiology
 - ❖ Diagnoses
 - ❖ Prognosis
- Framing the question
- Consequences for protocol

Different question use different SR methods

- Same principle as primary research
- Your question determines the methods used to answer it



For example...



How many people have
this health condition?
(*prevalence*)

Why do some people get
this condition while
others do not? (*etiology*)

How can we decide if
someone has this
condition? (*diagnostics*)

What happens to people
who have this condition?
(*prognosis*)

How do people
experience this
condition?
(*attitudes and
experiences (qualitative)*)

What can we do to treat
or prevent this problem?
(*effect of interventions*)

How would you frame these questions?

- **Examining the relationship between Intolerance of Uncertainty and depression during Covid-19 and the effect of worries and demographic characteristics on the relationship: A systematic Review**
- **Assessment of the core elements of antimicrobial stewardship program in hospitals in the African continent**
- Are Positive Youth Development's (PYD) measures psychometrically sound?
- What is the cost-effectiveness of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) compared to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) in treating depression among ethnic youth living in Canada, UK, or Scandinavia?
- The objective of this systemic review study about the Risk of venous thromboembolism in women taking the combined oral Contraceptive is to estimate venous thrombosis risk associated with COC use compared with non-user.

Core questions in health care

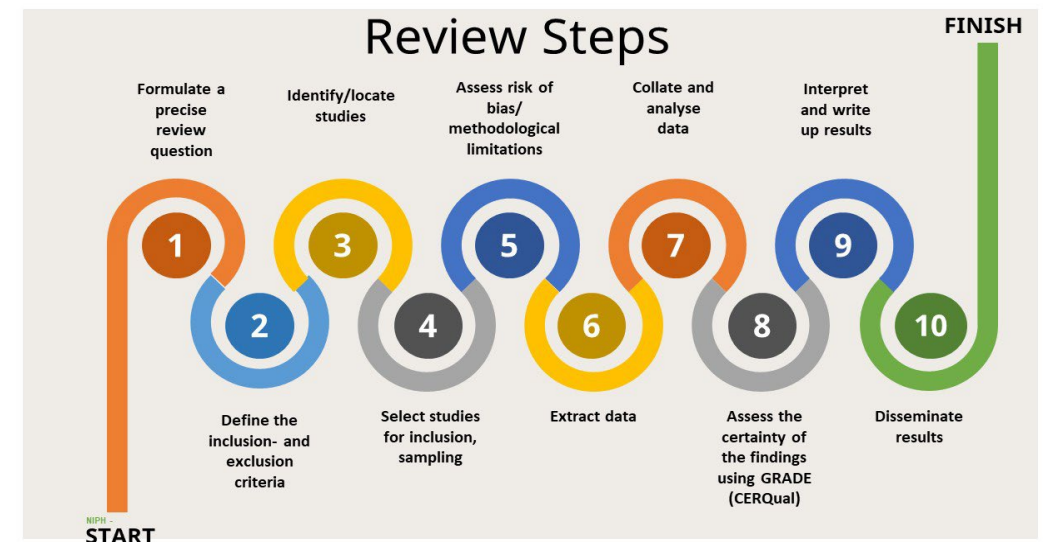
Research question	Knowledge	Preferred study design
How many have a problem? (e.g. type 2 diabetes)	Prevalence	Cross-sectional
Why do some have this problem and not others?	Etiology	Cohort Case-control
How can we decide whether someone has this problem?	Diagnostics	Cross-sectional (with reference standard)
What can we do to prevent or treat this problem?	Effects of interventions	Randomised controlled trials
What is the probable course and outcome of the problem?	Prognosis	Cohort
What hat is it like to have the problem?	Experiences	Qualitative methods
How is the intervention perceived to work?	Mechanisms	

Steps in conducting a systematic review

1. Formulate a precise review question
2. Define the inclusion- and exclusion criteria
3. Identify (locate) studies
4. Select studies for inclusion, sampling
5. Assess risk of bias/methodological limitations
6. Extract data
7. Collate and analyse data
8. Assess the certainty of the findings using GRADE (CERQual)
9. Interpret and write up results
10. Disseminate results



Which steps will be identical and which will need different approaches depending on your core question?



Steps/process in conducting a systematic review

Differences and similarities between different core questions

- 1. Formulate a precise review question**
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Systematic reviews of effect



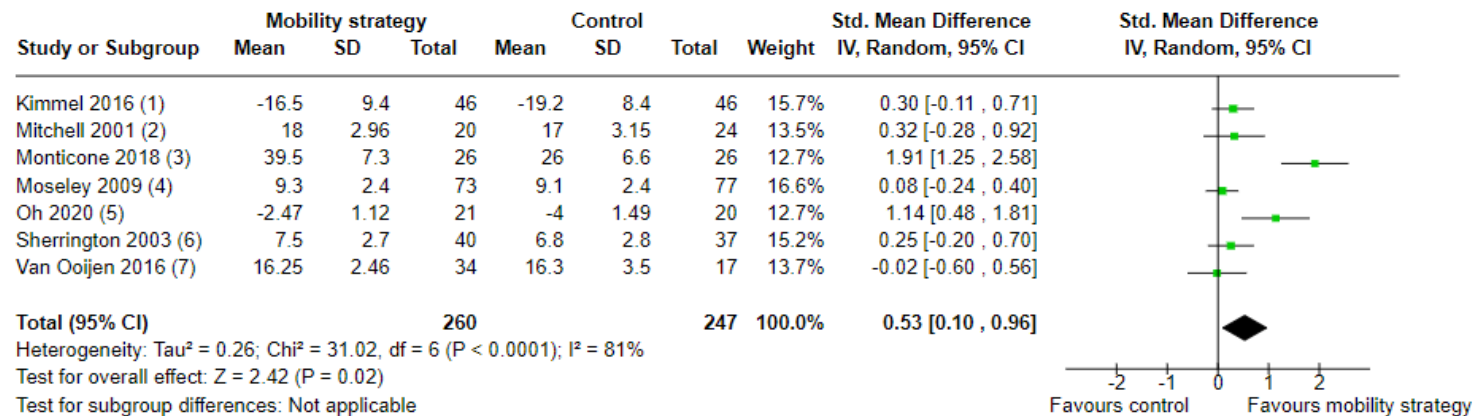
Formulate an effect question

1. Formulate the question
 - PICO (Population, intervention, comparison, outcome)
 - Primarily RCTs
5. Assess risk of bias
 - ROB2
7. Collate and analyse data
 - Consult a statistician- Meta analysis or narrative analysis
8. GRADE – Confidence in the findings

Effect meta analysis (When possible)

Figures and Tables - Interventions for improving mobility after hip fracture surgery in adults

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Footnotes

- (1) Modified IOWA Level of Assistance (0 independent, to 36 dependent). Post op day 5. Value multiplied by -1 to invert scale for consistency with other trial outcomes.
- (2) Elderly Mobility Scale at 16 weeks, converted from median IQR/1.35
- (3) Berg Balance Scale, 3 wks
- (4) Physical Performance and Mobility Examination score (0: failure to 12: top score), 16 weeks
- (5) Koval Walking Ability Score (1=better outcome, to 7 worse outcome). 3 months. Value multiplied by -1 to invert scale for consistency with other trial outcomes.
- (6) Physical Performance and Mobility Examination score (0: failure to 12: top score).
- (7) Combined Conventional & C-mill treadmill, Elderly Mobility Scale, 10 weeks

Analysis 1.1 Comparison 1: In-hospital rehabilitation: mobilisation strategy versus usual care, critical outcomes, Outcome 1: Mobility (measured using mobility scales): combined all strategy types

Fairhall NJ, Dyer SM, Mak JCS, Diong J, Kwok WS, Sherrington C.
 Interventions for improving mobility after hip fracture surgery in adults.
 Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2022, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD001704.
 DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD001704.pub5. Accessed 19 September 2022.

Narrative analysis

Low or very low birth weight (<2500 og < 1500 grams)

We are uncertain whether travel time of more than one hour is associated with heightened risk of low or very low birth weight (<2500 og < 1500 grams). We have assessed our confidence in the evidence as very low (table 8).

Two studies (37, 38) examined the association between distance and the risk of being born at a low (< 2500g) or very low (< 1500g) birth weight.

The first study (37) reported that living further than one hour away was a protective factor for low birth weight (<2500g). Pregnant people living more than one hour away had 31% lower odds of giving birth to a new-born with a birthweight <2500g (OR 0.69, 95% CI 0.56 to 0.85).

Data was not extractable from the second study (38), in order to compare the risk of very low birthweight of all pregnant people living more than an hour away to those living one hour away. There was no clear association of very low birthweight and distance. Only pregnant people living 2-4 hours away, and only in one province, had a higher risk of very low birth weight compared to those who lived both within an hour and with access to the highest level of maternity services. In table 7, the adjusted odds ratios that are in bold are statistically significant.

SoF Table

TABLE 4: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS TABLE FOR MATERNAL OUTCOMES

The effect of living more than one hour away from a delivery institution compared to less than one hour					
Outcome	Number of participants (studies)	Certainty of the evidence (GRADE)	Relative effect (95% CI)	Anticipated absolute effects	
				Less than one hour travel time to the delivery centre	More than one hour travel time to the delivery centre
Birth before 35 weeks and pre-eclampsia	630,236 (1 observational study)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW ^a	aRR 0,90 (0,70 til 1,05)	5 per 1,000	0 less per 1,000 (1 less to 0 less)
Eclampsia/HELLP-syndrome	62,7849 (1 observational study)	⊕⊕○○ LOW	aRR 1,30 (1,05 til 1,7)	2 per 1,000	1 more per 1,000 (0 less to 2 more)
Unplanned delivery outside of a delivery centre	688,269 (2 observational studies)	⊕⊕⊕○ ^b MODERATE	uOR 6.37 (5.95 to 6.81)	5 per 1,000	28 more per 1,000 (26 - 30 more)
Induction for logistical reasons	49,402 (1 observational study)	⊕⊕○○ LOW	uOR 4.96 (3.59 to 6.86)	4 per 1,000	14 more per 1,000 (9 – 20 more)
Maternal mortality	-	-	-	-	-
Bleeding more than 500 ml	-	-	-	-	-
Perineal tears (3 rd or 4 th degree)	-	-	-	-	-
Patient satisfaction	-	-	-	-	-

CI: Confidence interval; uOR: Unadjusted Odds ratio; aRR: Adjusted risk ratio

Reporting of intervention TIDieR

**Better reporting of interventions:
template for intervention
description and replication (TIDieR)
checklist and guide**

[https://www.equator-
network.org/reporting-
guidelines/tidier/](https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/tidier/)



The TIDieR (Template for Intervention Description and Replication) Checklist*

Information to include when describing an intervention and the location of the information

Item number	Item	Where located **	
		Primary paper (page or appendix number)	Other † (details)
1.	BRIEF NAME Provide the name or a phrase that describes the intervention.	_____	_____
2.	WHY Describe any rationale, theory, or goal of the elements essential to the intervention.	_____	_____
3.	WHAT Materials: Describe any physical or informational materials used in the intervention, including those provided to participants or used in intervention delivery or in training of intervention providers. Provide information on where the materials can be accessed (e.g. online appendix, URL). Procedures: Describe each of the procedures, activities, and/or processes used in the intervention, including any enabling or support activities.	_____	_____
4.	WHO PROVIDED For each category of intervention provider (e.g. psychologist, nursing assistant), describe their expertise, background and any specific training given.	_____	_____
5.	HOW Describe the modes of delivery (e.g. face-to-face or by some other mechanism, such as internet or telephone) of the intervention and whether it was provided individually or in a group.	_____	_____
6.	WHERE Describe the type(s) of location(s) where the intervention occurred, including any necessary infrastructure or relevant features.	_____	_____
7.		_____	_____

TIDieR checklist

[https://www.equator-network.org/wp-
content/uploads/2014/03/TIDieR-Checklist-PDF.pdf](https://www.equator-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/TIDieR-Checklist-PDF.pdf)

Protocol and further reading

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Qualitative Evidence Synthesis : Formulating the question

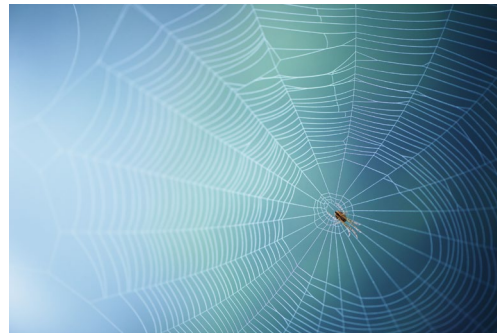


SPICE:

- Setting (Where? in what context?)
- Population or Perspective (For whom?)
- Intervention (What?)
- Comparison (What else?)
- Evaluation (How well? What result?)



SPIDER (Sample, Phenomenon of Interest, Design, Evaluation, Research type).



PerSPE(c)TiF

- Perspective
- Setting
- Phenomenon (topic) of interest
- (Comparison)
- Time/timing
- Findings

Qualitative evidence synthesis (QES)



Formulating a question about experience, perception, feasibility etc.

- A clear questions using an appropriate acronym (SPICE, SPIDER, etc.)
- A clearly stated set of objectives with pre-defined eligibility criteria for studies (**not necessarily fixed throughout the review process**)
- An explicit, transparent methodology (**not necessarily linear in nature**)
- A well defined, systematic search that attempts to identify studies that meet the eligibility criteria (**not necessarily exhaustive in nature**)
- A statement of the methodological quality of the findings of the included studies
- A systematic extraction, synthesis and presentation of the characteristics and findings of the included studies

(From The qualitative evidence synthesis workshop, Cochrane qualitative and implementation methods group, Edinburgh Colloquium 2018)

QES Findings

Narrative text

Finding 3: Parents found it difficult to remember information communicated during a vaccination appointment as they were distracted and worried about their child (moderate confidence).

Table 6

In a few studies parents felt that receiving information during a vaccination appointment was not ideal, as they were tired, distracted by their child and worried about how the child would react to being vaccinated (Shui 2005; Austvoll-Dahlgren 2010).

” ’When [your child is] called in and getting ready to get the shots you’re flustered with worrying about how to comfort the child . . . you’re not thinking about trying to read that information at the time. You need it ahead of time’ “ (Shui 2005).

Finding 7: Parents generally found the amount of vaccination information they received to be inadequate (high confidence).

Table 12

Many studies found that parents were dissatisfied with the amount of vaccination information that they received (Bond 1998; Evans 2001; Guillaume 2004; Shui 2005; Fowler 2007; Tickner 2007; Gust 2008; Tickner 2010; Bond 2011; Figueiredo 2011; Harmsen 2012; Hussain 2012; Tomlinson 2013; Fadda 2015; Harmsen 2015; Blaisdell 2016; Sobo 2016). Some parents felt that even though there was more information available now than previously, it was still not enough to meet their information needs (Gust 2008; Figueiredo 2011; Fadda 2015; Harmsen 2015; Sobo 2016). This lack of information sometimes served to reinforce their concerns about vaccination (Shui 2005; Fowler 2007; Harmsen 2012; Fadda 2015; Harmsen 2015; Sobo 2016). Lack of information or inadequate answers to parents’ questions and concerns led to parents feeling angry about their lack of knowledge and sometimes to have doubts about the vaccination programme (Bond 1998; Bond 2011; Hussain 2012; Fadda 2015; Blaisdell 2016). Many parents said that inadequate information had hampered their decision-making (Evans 2001; Guillaume 2004; Fowler 2007; Tomlinson 2013).

” ’But that’s very confusing isn’t it, as a parent because you obviously want the best for your child and when you see all these reports . . . and you’re trying to look at it and make an educated decision . . . I think just basically there’s a complete lack of information . . . I think there needs to be something a bit sort of totally universal that everyone can sort of get their hands on and that’s independent ’cause I think people are just either way polarised’ “ (Evans 2001).

” ’We would like to have information before vaccination. There is not enough information . . . therefore there occur doubts [regarding vaccination]’ “ (Fowler 2007).

Only one study, undertaken in Ethiopia, found that parents were satisfied with the amount of information they were receiving. This was based on exit interviews after a health talk. However, the same study, when using in-depth interviews, found that parents were actually dissatisfied with the information they received about childhood vaccination and wanted more (Berhanel 2000).

Summary of qualitative findings tables

Finding	Overall CERQual assessment	Explanation for assessment	Contributing studies
Findings related to availability of vaccination information			
4 Parents want vaccination information resources to be available at a wider range of health services and community and online settings, for instance through schools, pharmacies, clinics and libraries.	Low confidence	Due to moderate concerns regarding methodological limitations, relevance and adequacy	Shui 2005; Fowler 2007; Miller 2008; Fadda 2015
5 Parents want help from health workers to locate relevant vaccination information resources.	Low confidence	Due to minor concerns about methodological limitations and moderate concerns about relevance and adequacy	Miller 2008; Austvoll-Dahlgren 2010; Fadda 2015
6 Parents who had migrated to a new country had difficulty negotiating the new health system and accessing and understanding vaccination information.	Low confidence	Due to moderate concerns about methodological limitations and relevance and minor concerns about adequacy	Tomlinson 2013; Harmsen 2015; Kowal 2015

Table 7. Summary of qualitative findings table: availability of vaccination information

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Prevalence



Formulate a prevalence question

1. Formulate the question

- **Condition – Context – Population** ([CoCoPop](#))
- Primarily cross sectional studies

5. Assess risk of bias

- No agreed standard – examples [Hoy 2012](#) or [JBI](#)

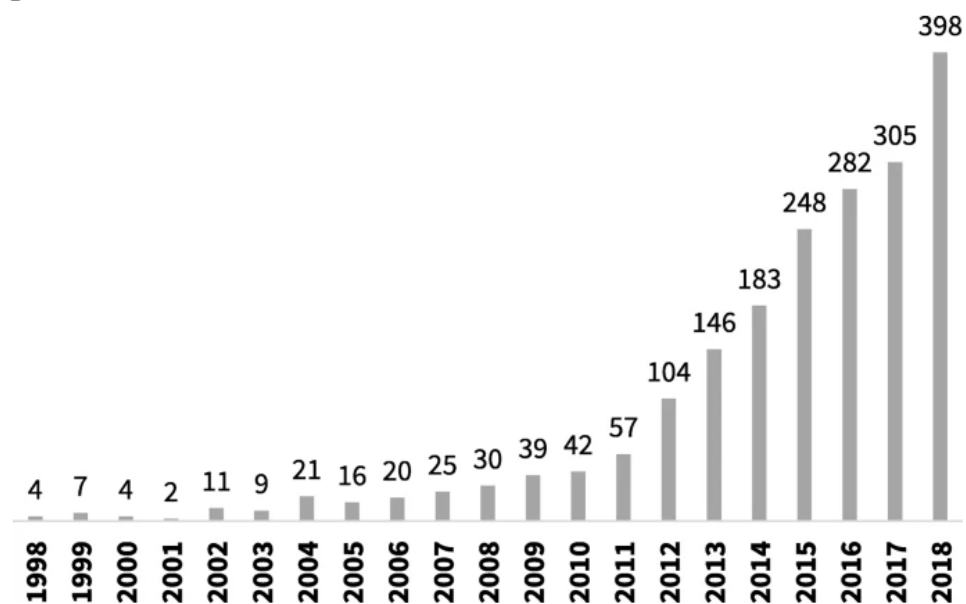
7. Collate and analyse data

- Consult a statistician

8. GRADE – few worked examples but possible to adapt

How are systematic reviews of prevalence conducted? A methodological study

Fig. 1



Number of systematic reviews of prevalence indexed in PubMed between 1998 and 2018

Conclusions

Our results indicate that there are significant inconsistencies regarding how these reviews are conducted. Many of these differences arose in the assessment of methodological quality and the formal synthesis of comparable data. This variability indicates the need for clearer reporting standards and consensus on methodological guidance for systematic reviews of prevalence data.

Prevalence: meta-analysis

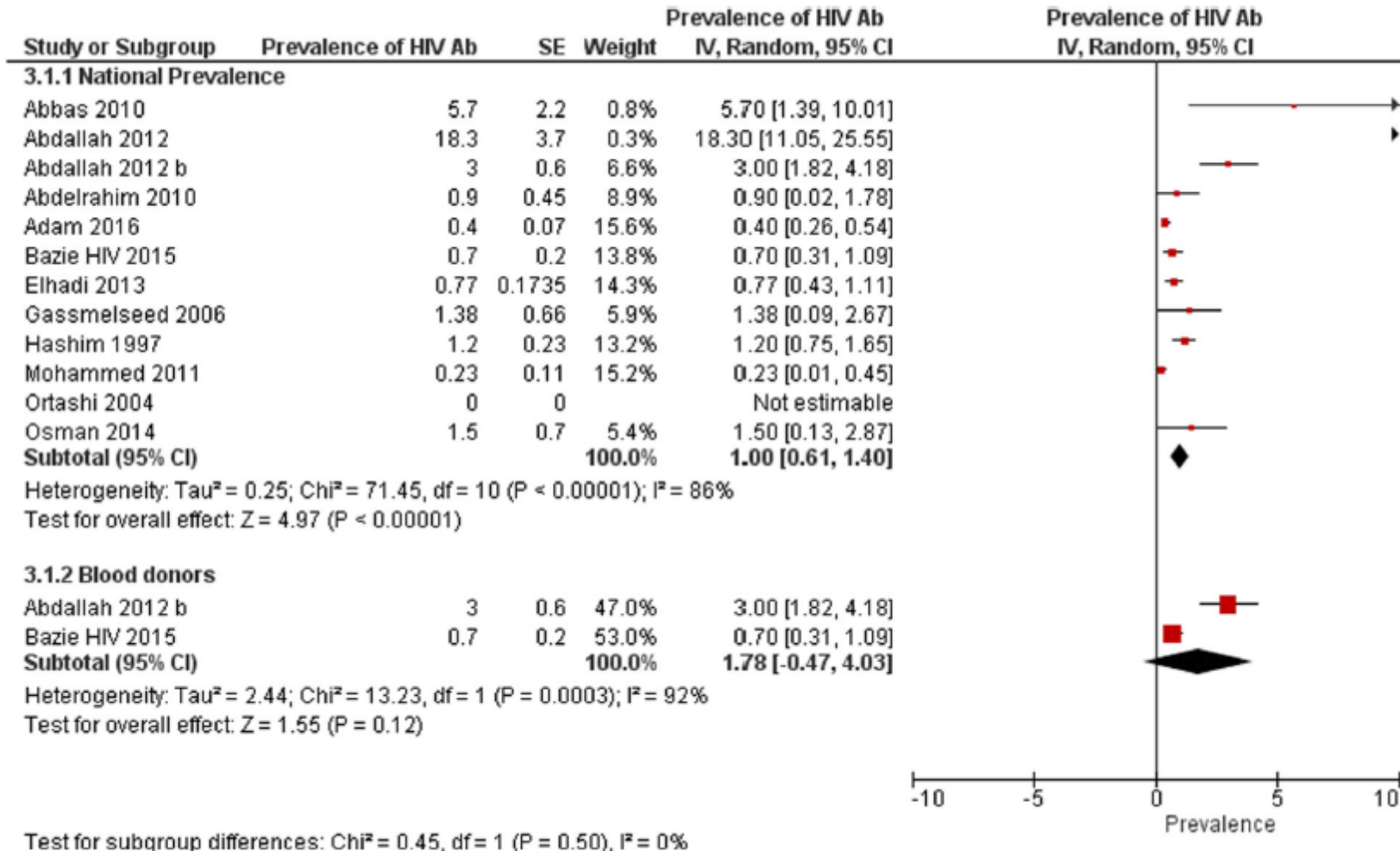


Fig. 2 National prevalence of HIV antibodies and prevalence among blood donors from studies included in the review

Protocol and SR - further reading

PRISMA

- Follow the PRISMA guidance for your protocol
- JBI Chapter 5: Systematic reviews of prevalence and incidence
<https://jbi-global-wiki.refined.site/space/MANUAL/4688607/Chapter+5%3A+Systematic+reviews+of+prevalence+and+incidence>
- How are systematic reviews of prevalence conducted? A methodological study
<https://bmcmmedresmethodol.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12874-020-00975-3>
- Systematic Reviews in Health Research: Meta-Analysis in Context. Chapter 19 Systematic Reviews of Epidemiological Studies of Etiology and Prevalence
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/9781119099369.ch19>
- Information packet

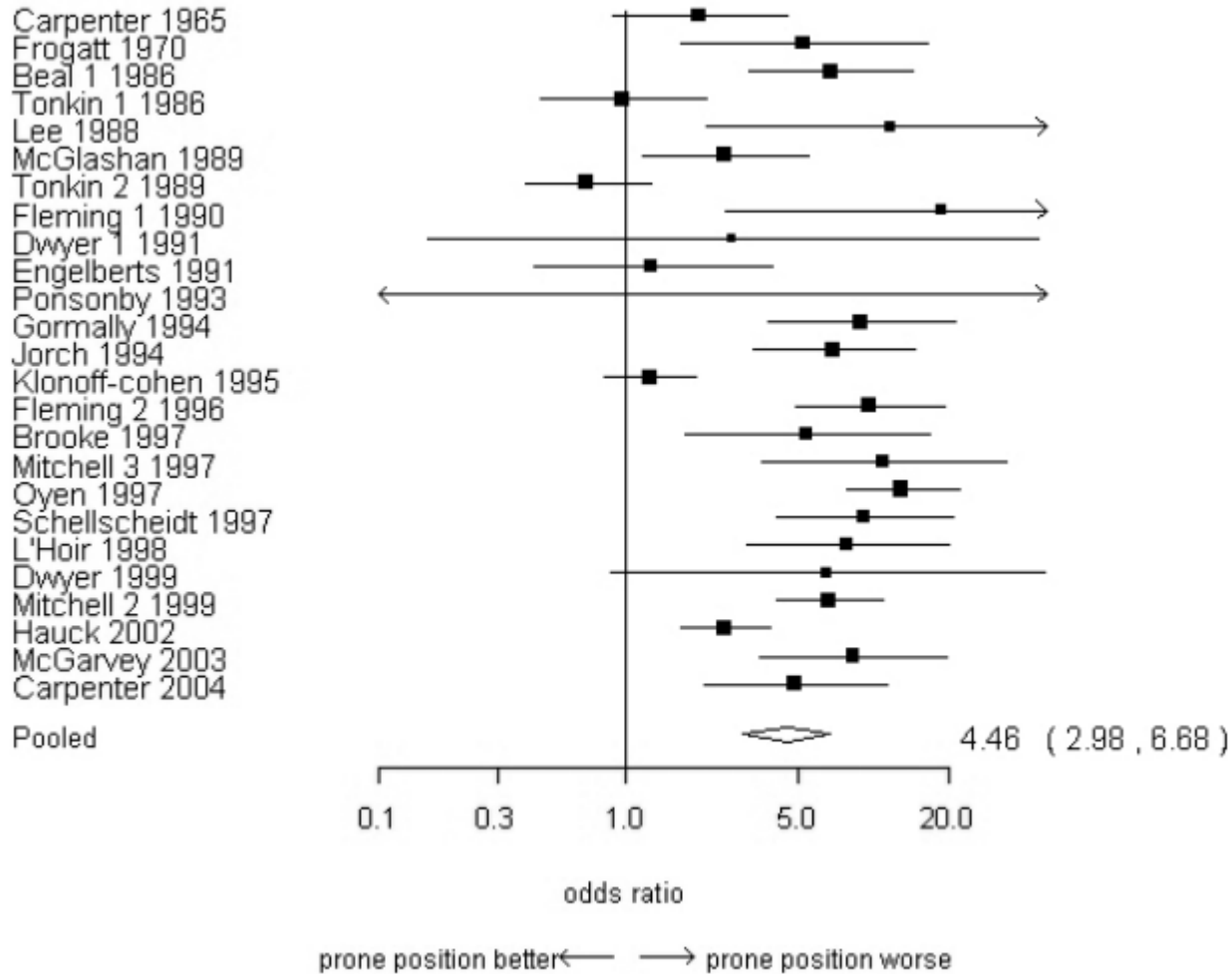
Etiology



Formulate an etiology question

1. Formulate the question
 - PICO
 - Primarily cohorts or case-control
5. Assess risk of bias
 - for example ROBINS-I or Newcastle-Ottawa Scale
7. Collate and analyse data
 - For example paired comparisons in exposed versus unexposed individuals
8. GRADE – possible

Etiology: meta-analysis



Infant sleeping position and the sudden infant death syndrome: systematic review of observational studies and historical review of recommendations from 1940 to 2002 ^{FREE}

Ruth Gilbert ✉, Georgia Salanti, Melissa Harden, Sarah See

International Journal of Epidemiology, Volume 34, Issue 4, August 2005, Pages 874–887,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyi088>

Protocol etiology

COSMOS-E: Guidance on conducting systematic reviews and meta-analyses of observational studies of etiology

<https://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002742>

Box 2. Key elements of a protocol for a systematic review of observational studies of etiology

1. Background and rationale
2. Review question(s)
3. Definition of exposures, contrasts, and outcomes
4. Tabulation of potential confounders and biases that could affect study results
5. Study eligibility criteria
6. Literature search for relevant studies
7. Data extraction (study characteristics and results)
8. Assessment of risk of bias and study sensitivity
9. Statistical methods
10. Planned analyses
11. Approach to how the body of evidence will be judged

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Diagnostic Test Accuracy (DTA)



Formulate an etiology question

1. Formulate the question

- PICROOS: Patients – Index test – Comparator – Reference test – Outcome – Outcome – Study design

5. Assess risk of bias

- QUADAS-2 <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/22007046/>

7. Collate and analyse data

- Systematic Reviews in Health Research: Meta-Analysis in Context. Chapter

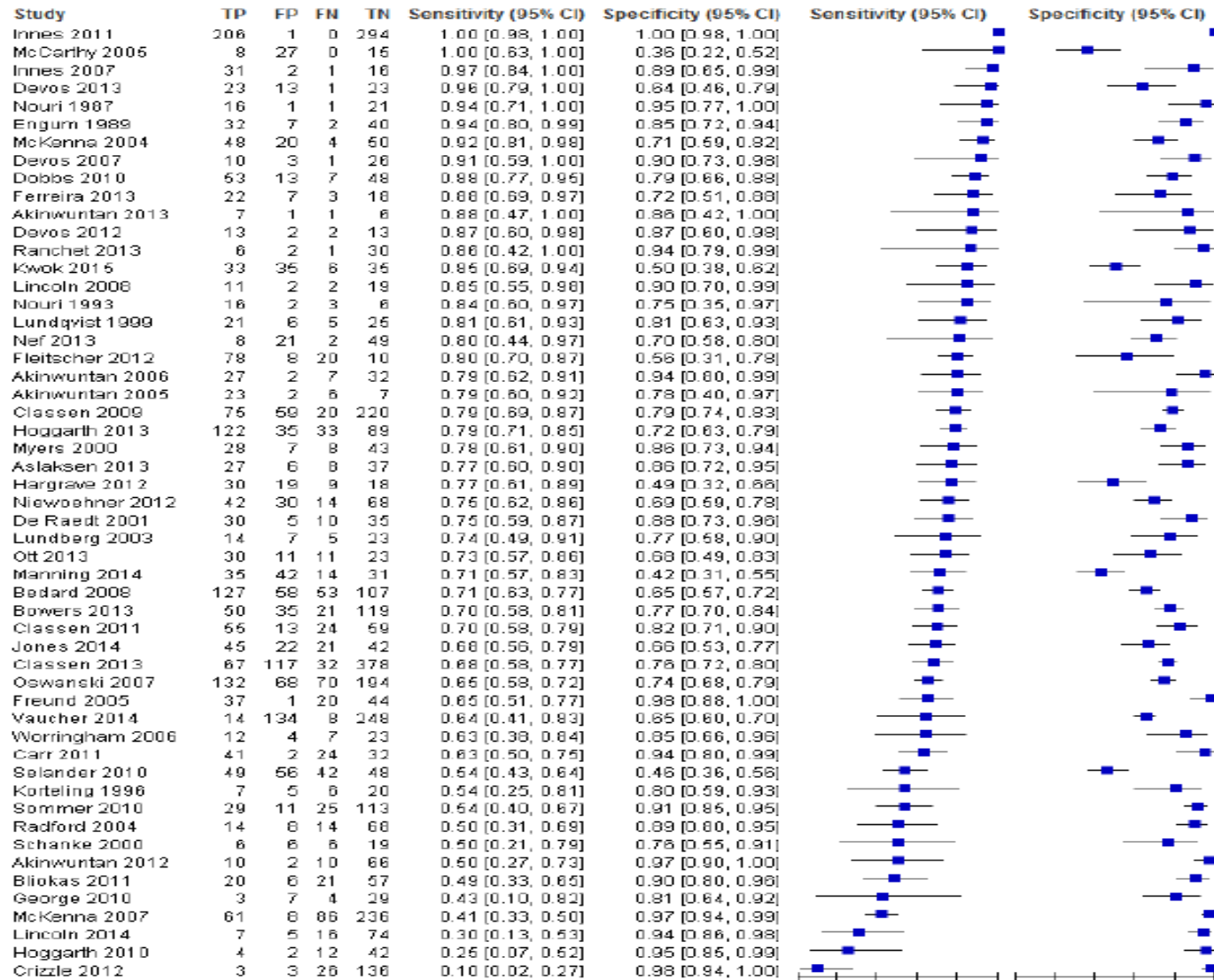
16. Systematic reviews of Diagnostic accuracy

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781119099369.ch16>

8. GRADE – Chapter 7. The GRADE approach for diagnostic tests and strategies

<https://gdt.gradepro.org/app/handbook/handbook.html#h.f7lc8w9c3nh8>

DTA: meta-analysis



Diagnostic test accuracy (DTA)

Tips and tricks

<https://www.equator-network.org/>

Preferred reporting items for journal and conference abstracts of systematic reviews and meta-analyses of diagnostic test accuracy studies (PRISMA-DTA for Abstracts): checklist, explanation, and elaboration.

<https://www.bmj.com/content/372/bmj.n265>

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Reporting guidelines for main study types		
Randomised trials	CONSORT	Extensions
Observational studies	STROBE	Extensions
Systematic reviews	PRISMA	Extensions
Study protocols	SPIRIT	PRISMA-P
Diagnostic/prognostic studies	STARD	TRIPOD
Case reports	CARE	Extensions
Clinical practice guidelines	AGREE	RIGHT
Qualitative research	SRQR	COREQ
Animal pre-clinical studies	ARRIVE	
Quality improvement studies	SQUIRE	Extensions
Economic evaluations	CHEERS	

Protocol and further reading

PRISMA

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- For further reading see the information package or visit the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Diagnostic Test Accuracy (version 2)

<https://training.cochrane.org/handbook-diagnostic-test-accuracy>

Chapters are available below for personal use via a Cochrane Account (don't have an account? [Set one up for free here](#)).

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Part 1: About Cochrane Reviews of diagnostic test accuracy

1. Introduction
2. Planning a Cochrane Review of diagnostic test accuracy
 - 2.S1: Supplementary material:** [Reporting template for Cochrane Protocols of diagnostic test accuracy](#)

Part 2: Introducing test accuracy

3. Evaluating diagnostic tests
4. Understanding the designs of test accuracy studies
5. Understanding test accuracy statistics

Part 3: Methods and presentation of systematic reviews of test accuracy

6. Defining the review question
7. Searching for and selecting studies

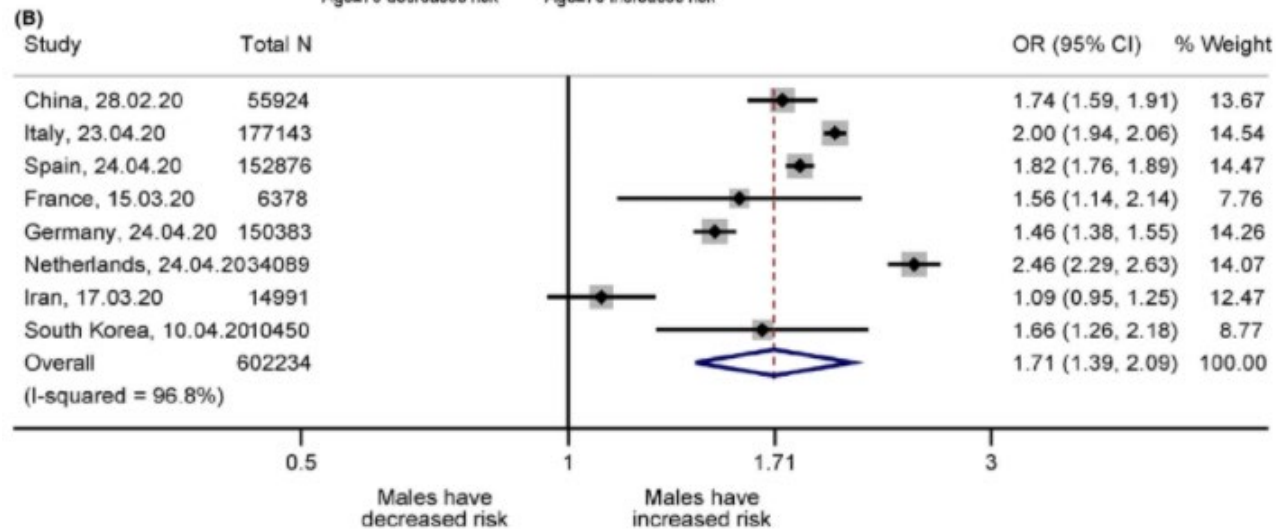
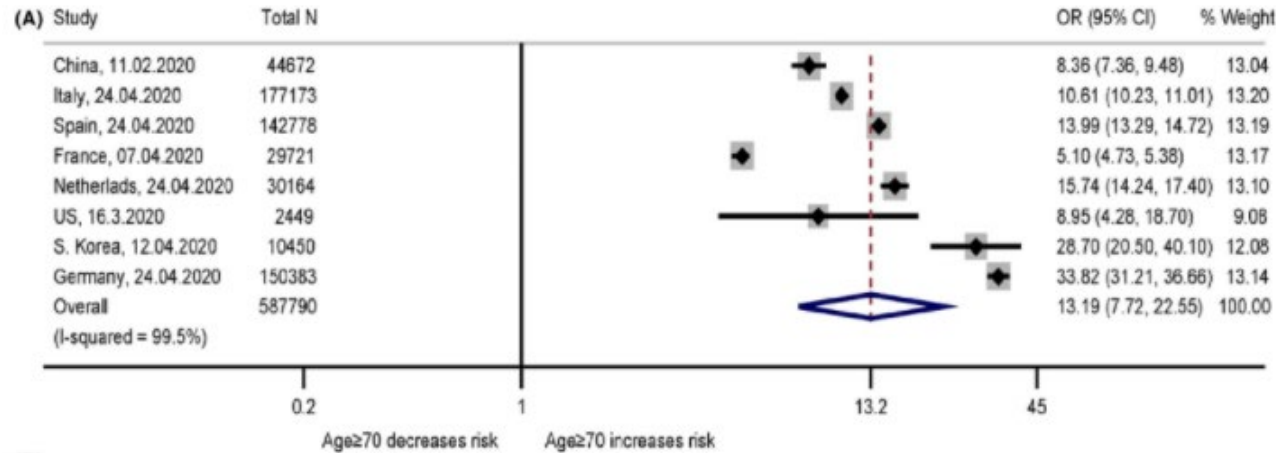
Prognosis



Formulate an prognosis question

1. Formulate the question
 - PFO: **P**opulation – prognostic **F**actors – **O**utcome
5. Assess risk of bias
 - QUIPS
 - <http://methods.cochrane.org/sites/methods.cochrane.org.prognosis/files/uploads/QUIPS%20tool.pdf>
7. Collate and analyse data
 - For example Prediction of outcome
 - Systematic Reviews in Health Research: Meta-Analysis in Context. Chapter 17. Systematic reviews of Prognostic Factors studies. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781119099369.ch17>
8. GRADE
 - Guidelines 28: Use of GRADE for the assessment of evidence about prognostic factors: rating certainty in identification of groups of patients with different absolute risks
 - [https://www.jclinepi.com/article/S0895-4356\(19\)30873-X/fulltext](https://www.jclinepi.com/article/S0895-4356(19)30873-X/fulltext)

Prognosis: meta-analysis



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Predictors of adverse prognosis in COVID-19: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Stefano Figliozzi, Pier Giorgio Masci, Navid Ahmadi, Lara Tondi, Evangelia Koutli, Alberto Aimò, Kimon Stamatelopoulos, Meletios-Athanasios Dimopoulos, Alida L. P. Caforio, Georgios Georgiopoulos ✉

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Prognostic studies

Tips and tricks

QUIPS: the Quality In Prognostic Studies tool,
Hayden et al, Assessing Bias in Studies of
Prognostic Factors, *Ann Intern Med*.
2013;158:280-286.

https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/0003-4819-158-4-201302190-00009?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr_dat=cr_pub%20%20pubmed

<https://methods.cochrane.org/prognosis/tools>

Protocol Cochrane Review Prognosis Studies

*Prognosis exemplar protocols are published in the Cochrane Library using the “Flexible (Prognosis)” type. The Prognosis Methods Group recommends inclusion of specific sub-headers relevant to the type of prognostic review being undertaken. This document includes the recommended sub-headers for exemplar reviews of prognostic model(s). See at the end of this document relevant references that may be helpful when writing the protocol.

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Summary

- The systematic review review process is basically the same regardless of (quantitative) core question
- Some elements differ
 - Structuring the research question
 - Assessing risk of bias
 - Quantitative synthesis (meta-analysis)
 - GRADE
- There are guidelines and tools to inform the process in the differing elements
- QUESTIONS?

Scoping reviews (mapping reviews)

What are they and what goes into a protocol

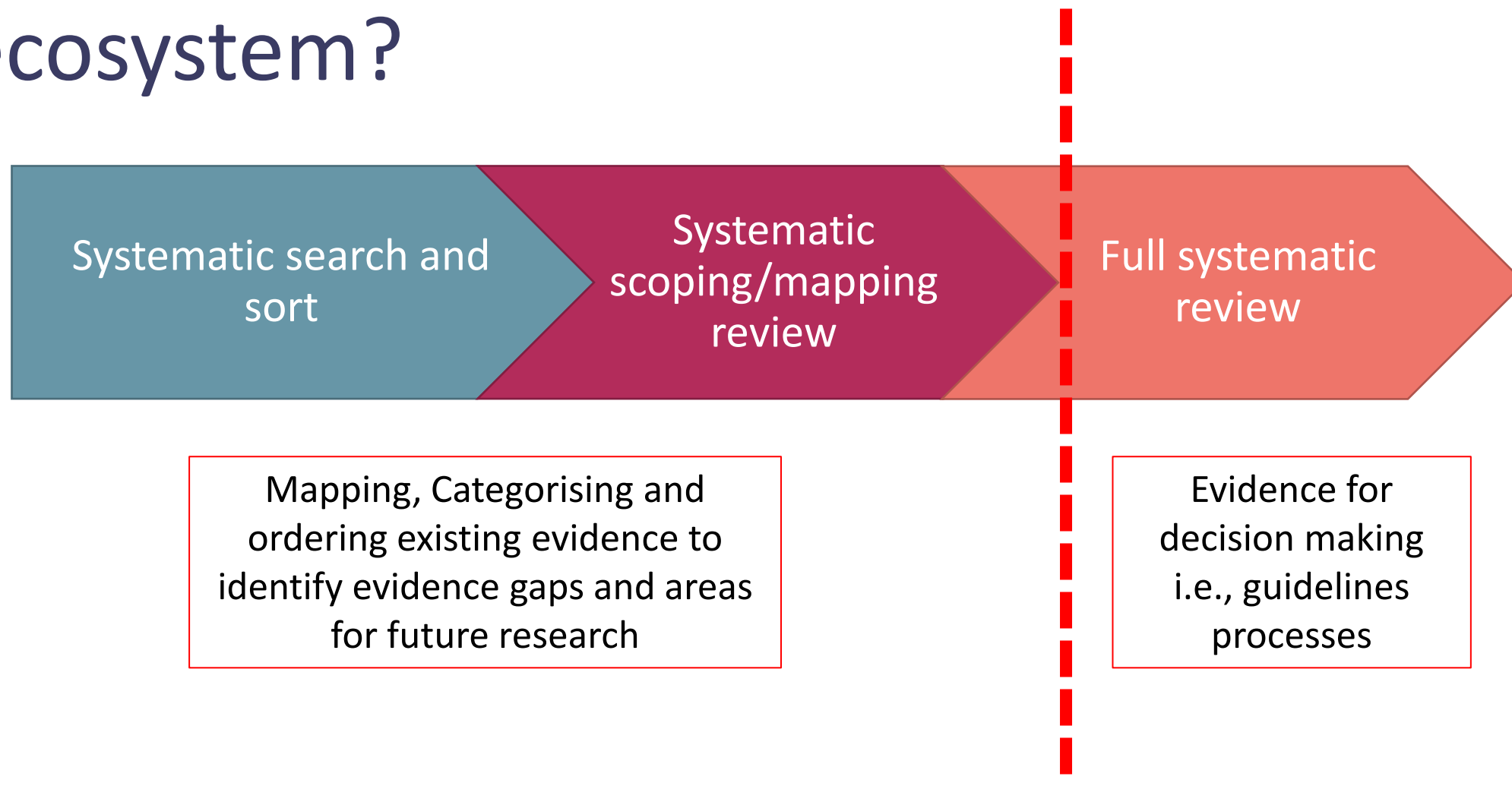
What is a scoping review?

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Also known as a mapping review

- «A scoping review or scoping study is a form of knowledge synthesis that addresses an exploratory research question aimed at mapping key concepts, types of evidence and gaps in research related to related to a defined area or field by systematically searching , selecting and synthesizing existing knowledge» (Colquhoun et al 2014)
- «Scoping reviews are used to map the concepts underpinning a research area and the main sources and types of evidence available» (Arksey and O'Malley 2005)
- The Joanna Briggs Institute has published a guidance document for the conduct of a scoping review
 - (Tricco, Lillie et al. 2016)
 - <https://knowledgetranslation.net/portfolios/the-prisma-scr2/>

Where do they fit in the evidence ecosystem?

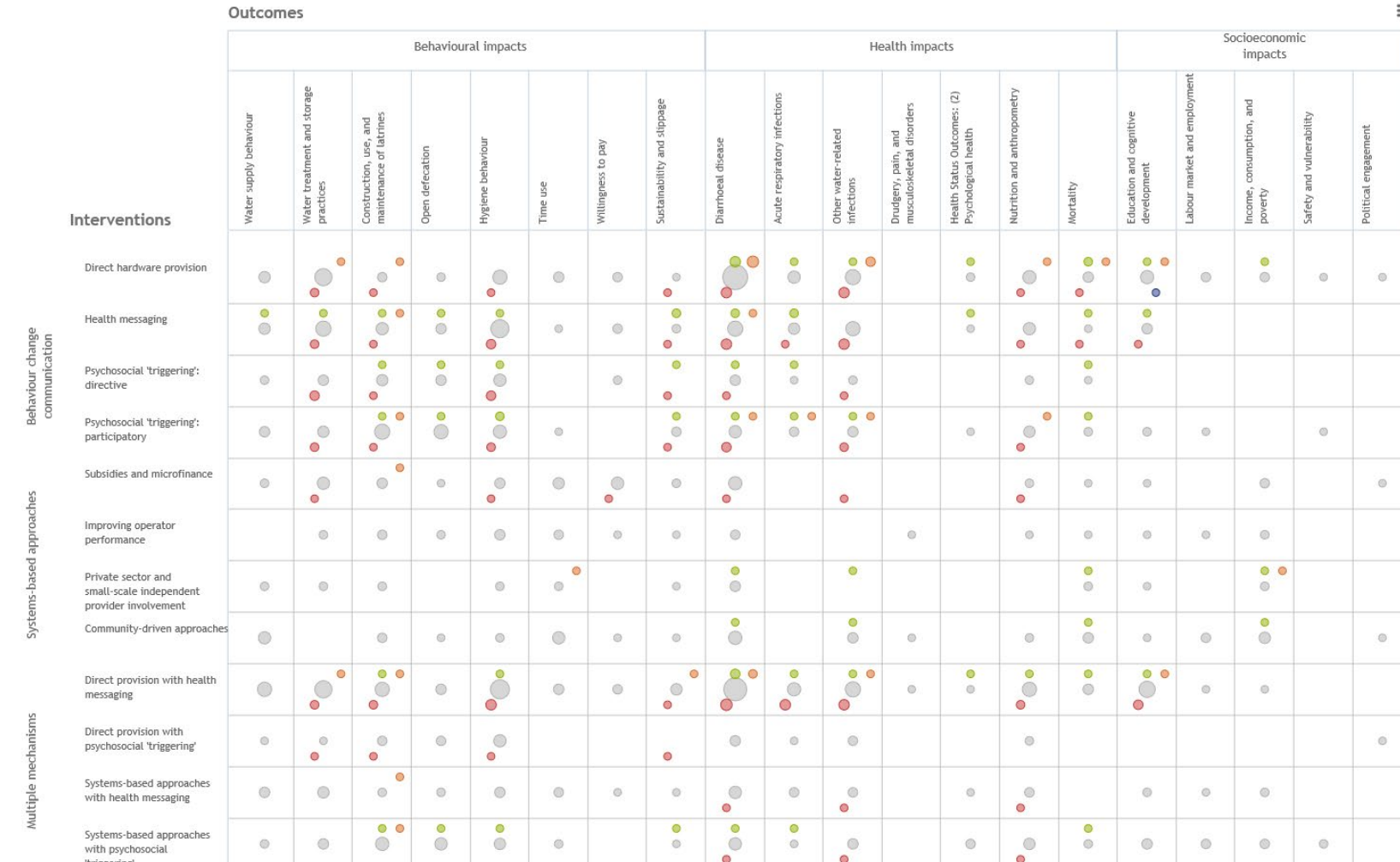


An example of defining the limits of a scoping review

«We conducted a systematic mapping review. It provides an overview of the empirical research that met our inclusion criteria. The studies (publications) are presented individually. We neither critically appraised the methodological quality of the included studies nor analysed the results across the studies. This review gives an insight into and description of the research field and is not meant to be used to support evidence-based decision making. We did not take into consideration study authors theoretical or ideological perspective or their position in the debate around parental alienation syndrome as a diagnosis requiring treatment or a life event needing to be handled. It is outside the scope of this report to explore these theoretical and ideological debates occurring within this field of research. “

Evidence gap maps

Available at 3ie (<http://www.3ieimpact.org/en/evidence/gap-maps/>)



Conducting a scoping review

Formulating the question

- Population
- Concept
- Context



The scoping review framework

Peters et al 2015 building on Arksey and O'Malley 2005

1. Defining and aligning the objective(s) and question(s)
2. Developing and aligning the inclusion criteria with the objective(s) and question(s)
3. Describing the planned approach to evidence searching and selection
4. Searching for the evidence
5. Selecting the evidence
6. Extracting the evidence
7. Charting the evidence
8. Summarizing the evidence in relation to objective(s) and question(s)

Consultation
with information
specialists,
experts and
other people
with knowledge
of methodology
or topic
throughout the
process

PRISMA extension for scoping reviews checklist

- 20 essential reporting items and 2 optional items
- Examples and text descriptions
- You can find the checklist here:
- <https://knowledgetranslation.net/portfolios/the-prisma-scr2/>

PRISMA Extension for Scoping Reviews (PRISMA-ScR): Checklist and Explanation

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Scoping reviews, a type of knowledge synthesis, follow a systematic approach to map evidence on a topic and identify main concepts, theories, sources, and knowledge gaps. Although more scoping reviews are being done, their methodological and reporting quality need improvement. This document presents the PRISMA-ScR (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic reviews and Meta-Analyses extension for Scoping Reviews) checklist and explanation. The checklist was developed by a 24-member expert panel and 2 research leads following published guidance from the EQUATOR (Enhancing the QUALity and Transparency Of health Research) Network. The final checklist contains 20 es-

sential reporting items and 2 optional items. The authors provide a rationale and an example of good reporting for each item. The intent of the PRISMA-ScR is to help readers (including researchers, publishers, commissioners, policymakers, health care providers, guideline developers, and patients or consumers) develop a greater understanding of relevant terminology, core concepts, and key items to report for scoping reviews.

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Scoping reviews can be conducted to meet various objectives. They may examine the extent (that is, size), range (variety), and nature (characteristics) of the evidence on a topic or question; determine the value of undertaking a systematic review; summarize findings from a body of knowledge that is heterogeneous in methods or discipline; or identify gaps in the literature to aid the planning and commissioning of future research (1, 2). A recent scoping review by members of our team suggested that although the number of scoping reviews in the literature is increasing steadily, methodological and reporting quality needs to improve in order to facilitate complete and transparent reporting (1). Results from a survey on scoping review terminology, definitions, and methods showed a lack of consensus on how to conduct and report scoping reviews (3).

The Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) published a guidance document for the conduct of scoping reviews (4) (updated in 2017 [5]) based on earlier work by Arksey and O'Malley (6) and Levac and colleagues (7). However, a reporting guideline for scoping reviews currently does not exist.

Reporting guidelines outline a minimum set of items to include in research reports and have been shown to increase methodological transparency and uptake of research findings (8, 9). Although a reporting guideline exists for systematic reviews—the PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic reviews and Meta-Analyses) statement (10)—scoping reviews serve a different purpose (11). Systematic reviews are useful for answering clearly defined questions (for example, “Does this intervention improve specified outcomes when compared with a given comparator in this population?”), whereas scoping reviews are useful for answering much broader questions (such as “What is the nature of the evidence for this intervention?” or “What

is known about this concept?”). Given the difference in objectives, and therefore in the methodological approach (such as presence vs. absence of a risk-of-bias assessment or meta-analysis), scoping reviews should have different essential reporting items from systematic reviews. Consequently, some PRISMA items may not be appropriate, whereas other important considerations may be missing (12–14). It was decided that a PRISMA extension for scoping reviews was needed to provide reporting guidance for this specific type of knowledge synthesis. This extension is also intended to apply to evidence maps (15, 16), which share similarities with scoping reviews and involve a systematic search of a body of literature to identify knowledge gaps, with a visual representation of results (such as a figure or graph).

METHODS

The PRISMA-ScR (PRISMA extension for Scoping Reviews) was developed according to published guidance by the EQUATOR (Enhancing the QUALity and Transparency Of health Research) Network for the development of reporting guidelines (9). The St. Michael's Hospital Research Ethics Board granted research ethics approval for this study on 15 August 2016.

See also:

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Methods section

- Setting the frame or scope of your scoping review

- **Population**

- **Concept**

- **Context**

- Study design

- Language

- Date

Interventions against welfare fraud: A mapping review

Population	The general public, the actual users of the state system (those receiving support)
Concept	Interventions to prevent or discover/catch fraud before or after payment for different types of welfare payments. Experiences with working on interventions to prevent welfare fraud
Context	Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand
Study design	All empirical research, independent of design
Language	English, French and Scandinavian Languages
Date	No limitations

A scoping review (usually) does not....

- Have a critical assessment of the included studies
- Conduct a full synthesis or meta analysis of the results



Findings

- Narrative text with tables and graphs

Kasuistikker/kasusstudier ligner på kvalitative studier, men her studerer man detaljert et "tilfelle", for eksempel en person, eller en gruppe. De fleste av kasusstudiene vi identifiserte i denne kartleggingen brukte skriftlige notater fra klientterapi eller juridiske dokumenter som grunnlag. De undersøkte spørsmål om ulike behandlinger eller som verktøy, for eksempel for å undersøke om støttearbeidere var enig i eksistens av foreldrefremmedgjøring i en sak versus en annen.

Åtte studier brukte blandet metode. Det innebærer at de har undersøkt forskningsspørsmålet sitt med bruk av flere forskjellige forskningsmetoder. For eksempel, ved både å analysere juridiske dokumenter angående foreldrefremmedgjøring og intervjuer folk om deres opplevelser med foreldrefremmedgjøring, for så å se på disse resultatene samlet. Formålet med dette er å se på et fenomen fra flere innfallsvinkler.

Tabell 2: Studiedesign i de inkluderte studiene

Studiedesign	Antall
Tversnittstudie	23
Kvalitativ	10
Kasuistikk	5
Blandet metode	8
Annet*	8
Systematisk oversikt	1

* For eksempel; kvantitativ ikke-eksperimentell studie, sekundær dataanalyse av journalldata

Populasjoner

Vi identifiserte 45 studier som presenterer barns perspektiver (tabell 3). Disse favner imidlertid både perspektivene til barn under 16 år (n=22), og voksne som retrospektivt ser tilbake på sine erfaringer som barn eller som beskriver hvordan samværsvegring (i hovedsak parental alienation syndrome (PAS)/foreldrefremmedgjøring) i barndommen virker inn på mental helse, eller håndtering av eller evne til parforhold i voksen alder. Et mindretall av studiene, 16 studier, omhandler foreldre og nære familiemedlemmer. Dette gjaldt ofte i studier der hele familien deltok i et tiltak eller en terapi.

Tabell 3: Populasjon i de inkluderte studiene

Populasjon	Antall
Barn ≤16 år som over tid uttrykker betydelig motstand mot kontakt og samvær med en av sine foreldre etter samlivsbrudd	22
Voksne som uttaler seg om sine erfaringer fra de var ≤16 år og som over tid uttrykte betydelig motstand mot kontakt og samvær med en av sine foreldre etter samlivsbrudd	23
Foreldre og nære familiemedlemmer av barnet som avviser en forelder	16

Questions



How would you frame these questions?

- Examining the relationship between Intolerance of Uncertainty and depression during Covid-19 and the effect of worries and demographic characteristics on the relationship: A systematic Review
- Assessment of the core elements of antimicrobial stewardship program in hospitals in the African continent
- **Are Positive Youth Development's (PYD) measures psychometrically sound?**
- **What is the cost-effectiveness of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) compared to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) in treating depression among ethnic youth living in Canada, UK, or Scandinavia?**
- **The objective of this systemic review study about the Risk of venous thromboembolism in women taking the combined oral Contraceptive is to estimate venous thrombosis risk associated with COC use compared with non-user.**

Group work

15 mins

- **Room 1: Mojtaba:** Are Positive Youth Development's (PYD) measures psychometrically sound?
- **Room 2: Mojdeh:** Examining the relationship between Intolerance of Uncertainty and depression during Covid-19 and the effect of worries and demographic characteristics on the relationship: A systematic Review
- **Room 3: Ricardo:** What is the cost-effectiveness of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) compared to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) in treating depression among ethnic youth living in Canada, UK, or Scandinavia?
- **Room 4: Khadeja:** The objective of this systemic review study about the Risk of venous thromboembolism in women taking the combined oral Contraceptives to estimate venous thrombosis risk associated with COC use compared with non-user.