

GLOBAL CONFLUENCE REVIEW (GCR)

03 Systematic Review

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TITLE OF MANUSCRIPT

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ABSTRACT

[Background, objective, sources, eligibility criteria, number of included studies, findings and conclusion.]

KEYWORDS

[4–6 keywords]

1. INTRODUCTION

[Context, gap, objective and review questions.]

2. METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 Review Protocol and Registration
- 2.2 Information Sources
- 2.3 Search Strategy
- 2.4 Inclusion Criteria
- 2.5 Exclusion Criteria
- 2.6 Screening and Study Selection
- 2.7 Data Extraction
- 2.8 Quality/Risk-of-Bias Assessment
- 2.9 Data Synthesis

[Use an appropriate reporting guideline, such as PRISMA, where applicable.]

3. RESULTS

- 3.1 Study Selection
- 3.2 Characteristics of Included Studies
- 3.3 Quality Assessment
- 3.4 Main Findings

[Include a flow diagram and evidence tables where appropriate.]

4. DISCUSSION

[Interpret evidence, agreement/disagreement, implications and gaps.]

5. LIMITATIONS

[Limitations of the review and included studies.]

6. CONCLUSION

[Insert conclusion.]

REFERENCES

[Insert references.]

APPENDICES

[Full search strings, extraction form, quality tool and supplementary material.]