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- **Guideline development using systematic reviews supplemented with internal health system data: The development and application of a conceptual framework***
 - Jennifer Lin & Helen Wu (*Kaiser Permanente, USA*) – *GIN NA abstract*
- ***Examining the effect of nutrition interventions to reduce hyperphosphatemia in chronic kidney disease: Is including non-randomized trials a waste of time?****
 - Mary Rozga (*Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, USA*)

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 - Orestis Panagiotou (*Brown University, USA*)
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 - Carole Lunny (*Cochrane Hypertension Group, Canada*)
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 - Li Wang (*McMaster University, Canada*)
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 - Areti A. Veroniki (*St. Michael's Hospital, Canada*) – *GIN NA abstract*

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 - Jennifer Watt (University of Toronto, Canada)
- *Progress toward a reporting guideline for overviews of reviews of healthcare interventions: Preferred Reporting Items for Overviews of Reviews (PRIOR)**
 - Michelle Gates (University of Alberta, Canada)

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 - Marcy Hager (*Oregon Health & Science University, USA*)
- **Rapid review methods: a systematic scoping review***
 - Candyce Hamel (*Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Canada*)
- **A new machine-learning powered tool to aid citation screening for evidence synthesis: PICOPortal***
 - Eitan Agai (*Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources, Resources for Evidence-Based Medicine [EBMonFHIR], USA*)

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A tool to assess Risk Of Bias In Non-randomised Studies - of Exposures (ROBINS-E)

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Randomized trials
of interventions

Non-
randomized/observational
studies of interventions

Non-
randomized/observational
studies of exposures

*First
generation*

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(2008)**

**ROBINS-I
(2016)**

*Second
generation*

**RoB 2
(2019)**

ROBINS-I V2
(coming soon)

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Tools for assessing quality and susceptibility to bias in observational studies in epidemiology: a systematic review and annotated bibliography

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ROBINS-I: a tool for assessing risk of bias in non-randomised studies of interventions

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Non-randomised studies of the effects of interventions are critical to many areas of healthcare evaluation, but their results may be biased. It is therefore important to understand and appraise their strengths and weaknesses. We developed ROBINS-I (“Risk Of Bias In Non-randomised Studies - of Interventions”), a new tool for evaluating risk of bias in estimates of the comparative effectiveness (harm or benefit) of interventions from studies that did not use randomisation to allocate units (individuals or clusters of individuals) to comparison groups. The tool will be particularly useful to those undertaking systematic reviews that include non-randomised studies.

Non-randomised studies of the effects of interventions (NRSI) are critical to many areas of healthcare evaluation. Designs of NRSI that can be used to evaluate the effects of interventions include observational studies

such as cohort studies and case-control studies in which intervention groups are allocated during the course of usual treatment decisions, and quasi-randomised studies in which the method of allocation falls short of full randomisation. Non-randomised studies can provide evidence additional to that available from randomised trials about long term outcomes, rare events, adverse effects and populations that are typical of real world practice.^{1,2} The availability of linked databases and compilations of electronic health records has enabled NRSI to be conducted in large representative population cohorts.³ For many types of organisational or public health interventions, NRSI are the main source of evidence about the likely impact of the intervention because randomised trials are difficult or impossible to conduct on an area-wide basis. Therefore systematic reviews addressing the effects of health related interventions often include NRSI. It is essential that methods are available to evaluate these studies, so that clinical, policy, and individual decisions are transparent and based on a full understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the evidence.

Many tools to assess the methodological quality of observational studies in the context of a systematic review have been proposed.^{4,5} The Newcastle-Ottawa⁶ and Downs-Black⁷ tools have been two of the most popular: both were on a shortlist of methodologically sound tools,⁸ but each includes items relating to external as well as internal validity and a lack of comprehensive manuals means that instructions may be interpreted differently by different users.⁵

In the past decade, major developments have been made in tools to assess study validity. A shift in focus from methodological quality to risk of bias has been accompanied by a move from checklists and numeric scores towards domain-based assessments in which different types of bias are considered in turn. Examples are the Cochrane Risk of Bias tool for randomised trials,⁹ the QUADAS 2 tool for diagnostic test accuracy studies,¹⁰ and the ROBIS tool for systematic reviews.¹⁰ However, there is no satisfactory domain-based assessment tool for NRSI.⁴

In this paper we describe the development of ROBINS-I (“Risk Of Bias In Non-randomised Studies - of Interventions”), which is concerned with evaluating risk of bias in estimates of the

SUMMARY POINTS

- Non-randomised studies of the effects of interventions are critical to many areas of healthcare evaluation but are subject to confounding and a range of other potential biases
- We developed, piloted, and refined a new tool, ROBINS-I, to assess “Risk Of Bias In Non-randomised Studies - of Interventions”
- The tool views each study as an attempt to emulate (mimic) a hypothetical pragmatic randomised trial, and covers seven distinct domains through which bias might be introduced
- We use “signalling questions” to help users of ROBINS-I to judge risk of bias within each domain
- The judgements within each domain carry forward to an overall risk of bias judgement across bias domains for the outcome being assessed

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**ROBINS-I
(2016)**

**ROBINS-I V2
(coming soon)**


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studies of exposures

ROBINS-E

- Joint initiative between our team in Bristol (UK), McMaster University (Canada), National Toxicology Program (NIH, USA), Environmental Protection Agency (USA) and others
- Fully drafted version piloted in Bristol in October 2019
- Refinements still being made
- Similar to ROBINS-I, but more attention to
 - defining the causal effect of interest
 - exposure measurement

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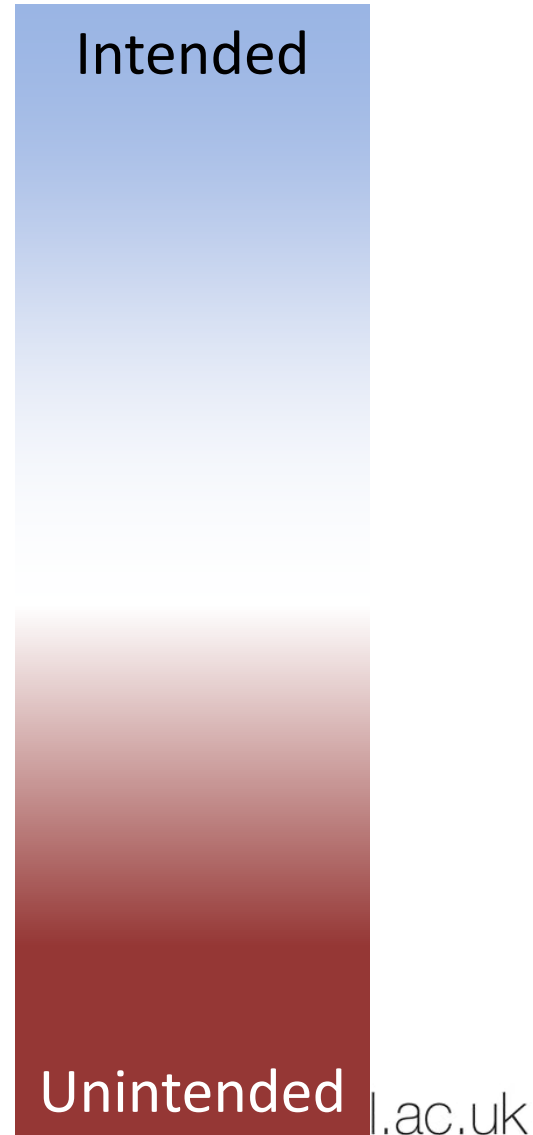
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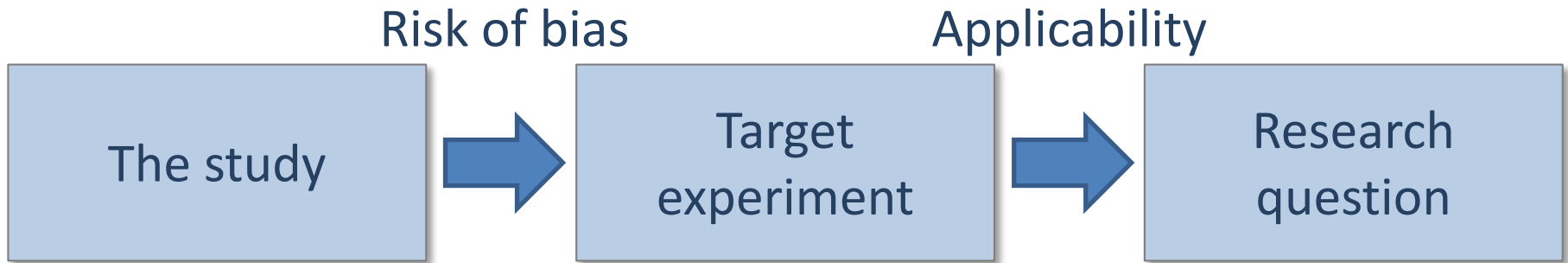
Intervention vs exposure

A continuum

- Interventions
 - by a health professional
 - legislation
- Personal choices
 - type of toothbrush
 - taking a vitamin supplement
 - dietary intake
 - lifestyle, e.g. smoking, exercise
- Exposures
 - occupational
 - environmental
- Traits
 - socioeconomic status
 - biomarkers
 - genetic



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- For observational studies we need to define the causal effect estimated by the result under consideration
 - Convenient to use counterfactuals
 - It may help to define a **target experiment**
 - In the hypothetical target experiment, exposure would be assigned in a planned manner, rather than being observed. An unlimited number of exposure plans can be assigned. The target experiment need not be feasible or ethical.
 - Essential for assessing risk of bias because it defines the result that would be seen (other than due to sampling variation) in the absence of bias



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Risk of bias due to confounding

Risk of bias in measurement of exposure

Risk of bias in selection of participants into the study (or into the analysis)

Risk of bias due to post-exposure interventions

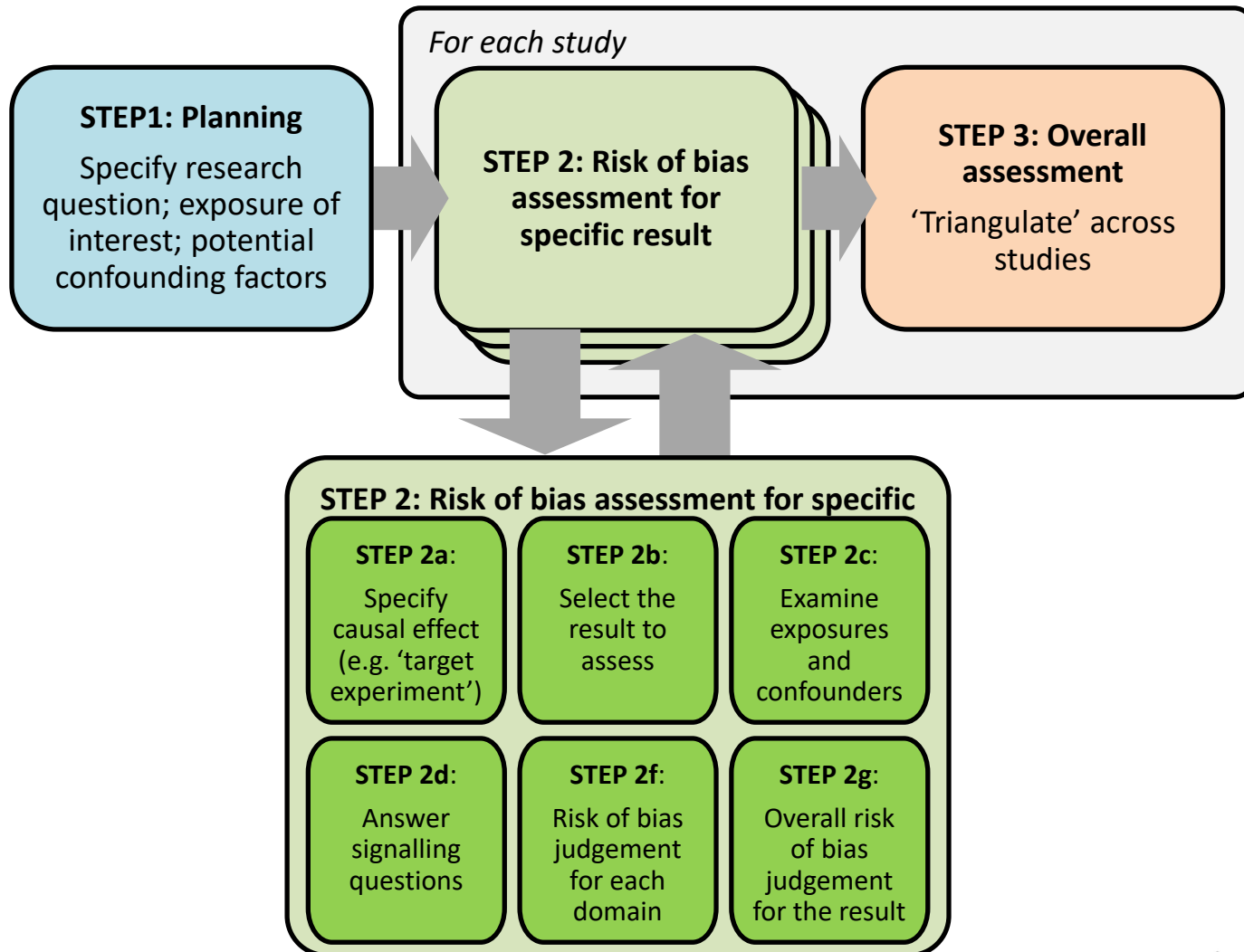
Risk of bias due to missing data

Risk of bias in measurement of outcomes

Risk of bias in analysis and selection of the reported result

ROBINS-E risk-of-bias judgement

Judgement	Interpretation
Low risk of bias	there is little or no concern about bias with regard to this domain
Some risk of bias	there some concern about bias with regard to this domain, although it is not clear that there is an important risk of bias
Clear risk of bias	the study has some important problems in this domain: characteristics of the study give rise to a clear risk of bias
Very high risk of bias	the study is very problematic in this domain: characteristics of the study give rise to a very high risk of bias



1. **Risk of bias** is the appropriate way to think about study limitations, and needs to be addressed at multiple stages of a systematic review
2. Risk of bias assessments are **detailed and difficult** if you want to do them properly for observational studies
3. **ROBINS-E is on its way** for [P][EC][O] questions
 - and there is parallel work for addressing multiple other study designs/analyses, including instrumental variables analyses (e.g. Mendelian randomization studies)

Guideline development using systematic reviews supplemented with internal health system data: the development and application of a conceptual framework

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Aim:

To articulate a framework for using unpublished health system data alongside systematic reviews to inform guideline development and to explore its application in one health system's, Kaiser Permanente's, guideline program.

A Narrative Review and Proposed Framework for Using Health System Data with Systematic Reviews to Support Decision-making



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Systematic reviews are a necessary, but often insufficient, source of information to address the decision-making needs of health systems. In this paper, we address when and how the use of health system data might make systematic reviews more useful to decision-makers. We describe the different ways in which health system data can be used with systematic reviews, identify scenarios in which the addition of health system data may be most

to improve the delivery of care (i.e., what to do and how to do it).^{1, 2} Often, findings of systematic reviews are not clinically actionable due to low certainty in the evidence from published research, leaving decision-makers without a clear path forward. Even when an evidence base provides high certainty regarding the effectiveness of an intervention, reviews generally lack key contextual details that inform successful imple-

Framing the problem

Systematic reviews are often a necessary but not sufficient information source for health system decision making

- often 'insufficient' evidence and a clinical decision needs to be made nonetheless
- often not clear the applicability of findings in the 'research' to local practice
- often evidence around net benefit (= effectiveness – harms) are insufficient for implementing a clinical service

Scenarios
when health
system data
may be
incorporated
into or used in
addition to
systematic
reviews

If systematic review or health system data are limited,
using both types of evidence together may:

**Improve the
strength
of evidence, if...**

- either data source has important methodological limitations
- either data source is imprecise
- either data source is limited to short-term followup
- either data source does not address important outcomes

**Improve the
applicability
of evidence, if...**

- systematic review data are indirect (have different population, intervention or setting than those of the health system)
- either data source does not allow for evaluation of effects in important subgroups

**Improve the
implementation
of evidence, if...**

- systematic review data does not provide details required for replication or adaptation
- either data source lacks contextual information such as patients values and preferences, feasibility and acceptability
- either data source lacks information about cost effectiveness or cost

Limitations and considerations when using unpublished primary data from health systems in systematic reviews

- Formal critical appraisal is a must
 - Biases and limitations for NRS well understood
- Numerous critical appraisal tools available, but may not be robust enough to understand limitations of real-world data (RWD)
 - RWD = data not collected for research purposes
- Vetting information quality and data quality
 - Information quality = the extent to which the data source can answer the question being asked
 - Data quality = integrity of the data (e.g., data accuracy, completeness, interpretability/accessibility, timeliness, mode of data collection)

Kaiser Permanente's National Guideline Program

Kaiser Permanente's Care Management Institute maintains a set of national clinical practice guidelines on selected topics

- **Methods:** Draw from existing external guidelines and systematic reviews when available, with critical appraisal and use of GRADE framework
 - Capacity to conduct internal analysis for high-priority topics that are not addressed well elsewhere
 - Avoid duplication of effort, focus on issues uniquely important for the KP health system
 - Importance of maintaining quality standards for internal analyses, where methods/limitations may not be documented in the explicit, transparent manner of published research
- **Expertise:** Clinical leaders bring insights about the gaps between external guidelines/systematic reviews and the answers clinicians need

Application of the Framework to KP's National Adult Diabetes Guideline

Topic	Domain(s)	Feasibility*
Cost-effectiveness of treatments	Implementation – Cost for KP as an integrated delivery system is different	Most feasible
Third-step therapy	Applicability – Existing studies are indirect, do not explicitly address third-step therapy or specific combinations of interest	Possibly feasible
Use of SGLT-2 and GLP-1 agonists	Applicability – Existing studies are indirect, do not explicitly evaluate role of HbA1c levels; no head-to-head trials	Possibly feasible
Long-term harms of newer treatments	Strength – Research does not track long-term harms well	Least feasible

* Key feasibility considerations: data access; formulary differences across the KP health system; timeline needed to measure outcomes of interest; sample size/power

Questions / Discussion



**Examining Effect of Nutrition Interventions to
Reduce Hyperphosphatemia
in Chronic Kidney Disease:
Is Including Non-Randomized Trials
A Waste of Time?**

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Background

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

Individuals with CKD are at risk of hyperphosphatemia and resulting health outcomes, such as CKD Mineral and Bone Disorder and cardiovascular diseases.

Study Designs for Nutrition Interventions

- RCTs are the gold standard for examining the efficacy of healthcare interventions
- RCTs of nutrition interventions may not always be feasible
 - long periods of time to affect health outcomes
 - lack of generalizability
- High-quality only vs best evidence to support practice

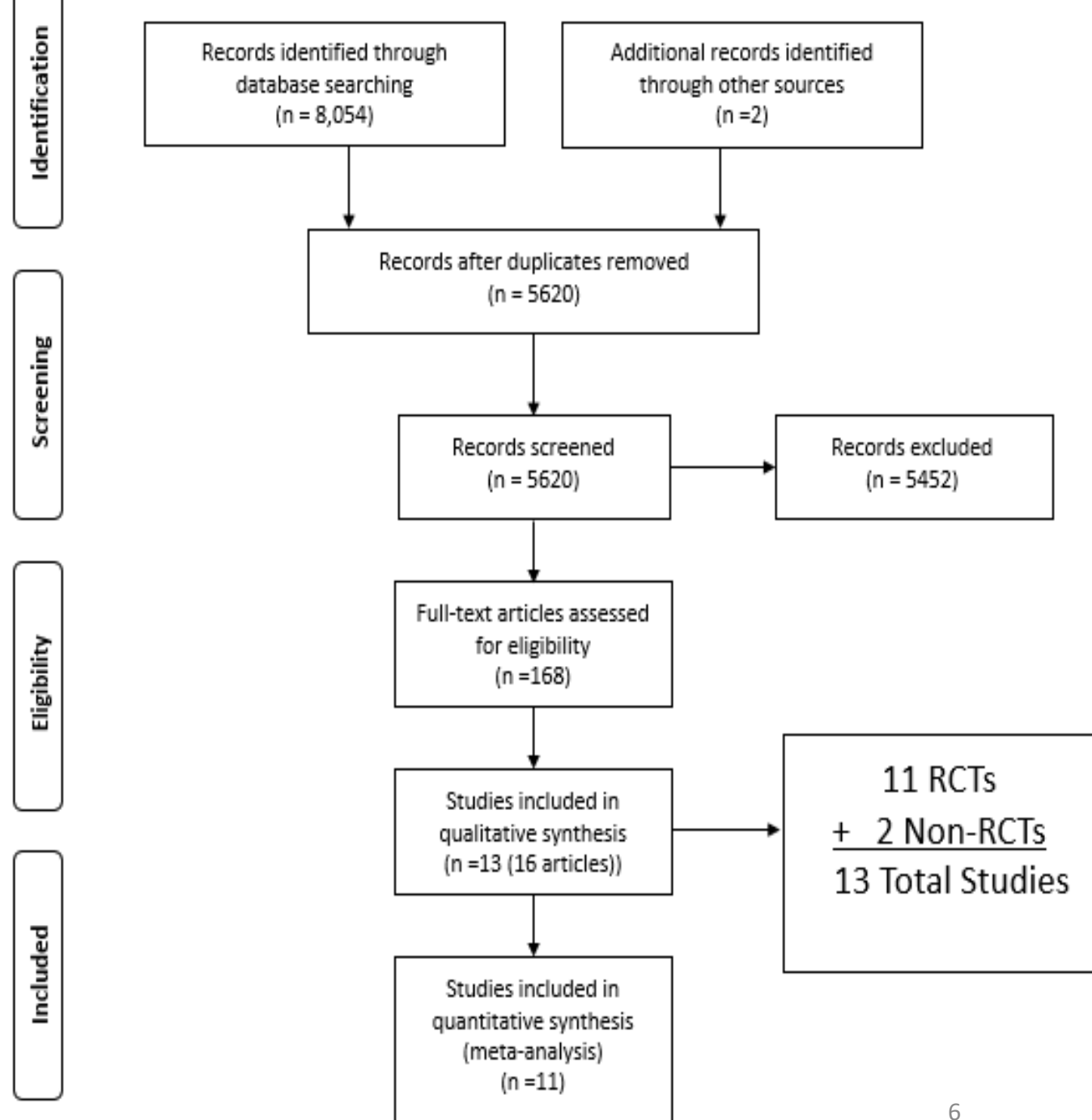
Objectives

- 1. To examine difference in the effect size and certainty of evidence from RCTs only vs. RCTs + Non-RCTs in a nutrition intervention.**
- 2. To examine the efficacy of phosphate-specific nutrition counseling provided by a dietitian, compared to usual care or an alternative intervention, on serum phosphate levels in individuals with CKD.**

Systematic Review Methods

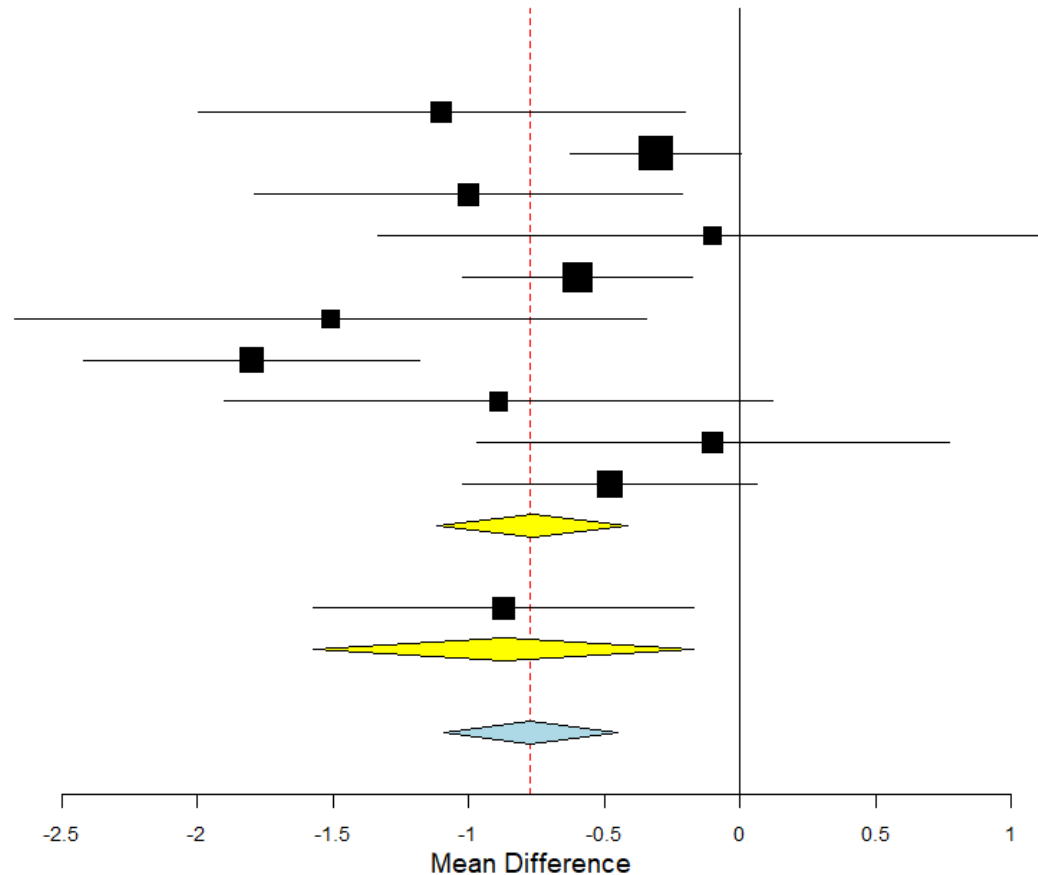
- **Eligibility Criteria**
 - Individuals with CKD (P)
 - Phosphate-specific nutrition therapy from a dietitian (I)
 - Usual Care/Controlled Trials (C)
 - Phosphate Levels (O)
- **Literature Search**
 - 2000-2019
 - MEDLINE, Embase, CINAHL, Web of Science and other databases
- **Risk of Bias Assessment**
 - ROB 2.0 for RCTs
 - ROBINS-I for Non-RCTs
- **Meta-analysis**
 - Stratified by Study Design
- **Quality of Evidence**
 - Stratified by Study Design

Study Inclusion



Effect of Phosphate-Specific Nutrition Counseling Provided by a Dietitian compared to Control on Serum Phosphate Levels (mg/dL) by Study Design (N=11/13 Studies)

Studies	Estimate (95% C.I.)
Ford et al	-1.10 (-2.00, -0.20)
Vrdoljak et al	-0.31 (-0.63, 0.01)
Lou et al	-1.00 (-1.79, -0.21)
Morey et al	-0.10 (-1.34, 1.14)
Sullivan et al	-0.60 (-1.02, -0.18)
Karavetian et al	-1.51 (-2.68, -0.34)
de Fornasari et al	-1.80 (-2.42, -1.18)
de Brito Ashurst et al	-0.89 (-1.90, 0.12)
Lim et al	-0.10 (-0.97, 0.77)
Rizk et al (NEMO)_DD vs EP	-0.48 (-1.02, 0.06)
Subgroup RCT (I²=63.2 % , P=0.00)	-0.76 (-1.12, -0.41)
Tsai et al	-0.87 (-1.57, -0.17)
Subgroup Non-RCT (I²=NA , P=NA)	-0.87 (-1.57, -0.17)
Overall (I²=59.75 % , P=0.01)	-0.77 (-1.09, -0.45)



Results of Studies Not Included in Meta- Analysis

Two studies did not include data that could be pooled in meta-analysis.

RCT

- Reese et al 2015
- Intervention group had a non-significant greater decrease in median change in serum phosphate at 10-weeks compared to the control group.

Non-RCT

- Jiang et al 2015
- Intervention group had significantly reduced serum phosphate levels at 9 and 12 months compared to control group.
- Peritoneal Dialysis

Risk of Bias: RCTs vs NRCTs

Study	Risk of bias domains					Overall
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	
de brito Ashurst et al 2003	-	-	+	+	+	-
de Fornasari et al 2017	+	-	+	+	+	-
Ford et al 2004	-	+	+	+	+	-
Karavetian et al 2013	X	-	X	+	+	X
Lim et al 2018	-	-	+	+	+	-
Lou et al 2012	X	-	+	+	-	X
Morey et al 2008	X	-	+	+	+	-
Reese et al 2015	-	X	+	+	+	X
Rizk et al 2017	-	+	-	+	+	-
Sullivan et al 2009	-	-	+	+	+	-
Vrdoljak et al 2017	-	-	+	+	+	-

Domains:
D1: Bias arising from the randomization process.
D2: Bias due to deviations from intended interventions.
D3: Bias due to missing outcome data.
D4: Bias in measurement of the outcome.
D5: Bias in selection of the reported result.

Judgement
 High
 Some concerns
 Low

Study	Risk of bias domains							Overall
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	
Jiang et al 2015	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	X
Tsai et al 2016	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-

Domains:
D1: Bias due to confounding.
D2: Bias due to selection of participants.
D3: Bias in classification of interventions.
D4: Bias due to deviations from intended interventions.
D5: Bias due to missing data.
D6: Bias in measurement of outcomes.
D7: Bias in selection of the reported result.

Judgement
 Serious
 Moderate
 Low

Serum Phosphate Levels: Summary of Findings

Outcomes	Anticipated absolute effects* (95% CI)		No of participants (studies)	Certainty of the evidence (GRADE)	Comments
	Risk with usual care	Risk with phosphate- focused diet therapy			
Serum Phosphate Levels follow up: range 2.5 months to 12 months	Reference	MD 0.76 mg/dl^c lower (1.12 lower to 0.41 lower)	Total: 1168 (11 RCTs) In Meta-analysis: 1144 (10 RCTs)	⊕⊕○○ LOW ^a	The evidence suggests phosphate-focused diet therapy from a dietitian reduces serum phosphate levels.
Serum phosphate levels follow up: 4 months to 12 months	Reference	MD 0.87 mg/dl^c lower (1.57 lower to 0.17 lower)	Total: 158 (2 Non-RCTs) In Meta-analysis: 61 (1 Non-RCT) ^h	⊕⊕○○ LOW ^b	The evidence suggests phosphate-focused diet therapy from a dietitian reduces serum phosphate levels.

CI= Confidence Interval; MD= Mean Difference; RCT= Randomized Controlled Trial

^a Risk of bias, moderate heterogeneity

^b Risk of bias, small sample size, large confidence interval

Limitations



Lack of Non-RCTs included for comparison to RCTs



Only one study, a Non-RCT, included individuals on peritoneal- vs hemodialysis

Conclusions

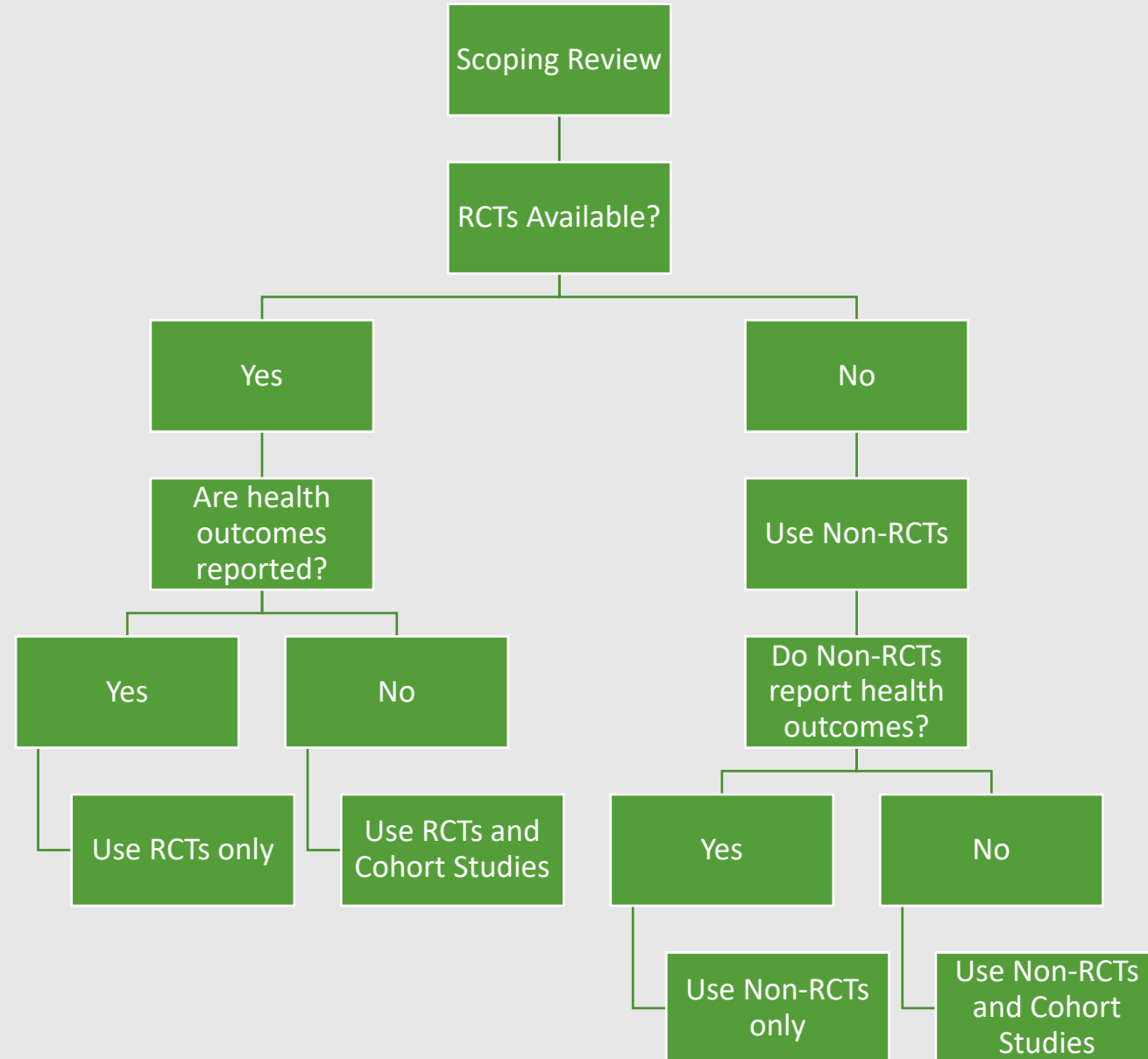
Overall effect size and certainty of evidence were not notably affected by including or excluding Non-RCTs when examining the effect of phosphate-focused nutrition therapy on phosphate levels in individuals with CKD on dialysis.

Suggest conducting a scoping review. When RCTs are identified, it may save time and effort to consider RCTs without Non-RCTs.

Future Research

Does inclusion of long-term cohort studies improve understanding of the long-term feasibility and effects of nutrition interventions on patient-centered outcomes when assessed in tandem with RCTs?

Suggested Process for Determining Study Design Inclusion



Questions?

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METHODOLOGICAL REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR ASSESSING BIAS IN NETWORK META-ANALYSES PROVIDES GROUNDWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW RISK OF BIAS TOOL FOR NETWORK META-ANALYSIS (ROB NMA TOOL)

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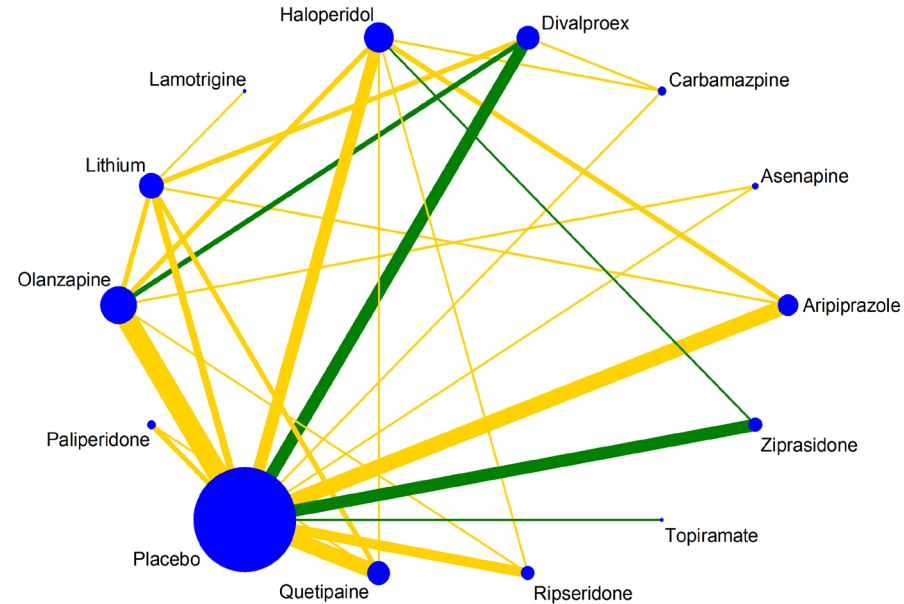
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SESSION OUTLINE

- Background
 - Project team
 - Quality assessment tools
 - Rationale for a risk of bias tool for reviews with NMA
- Stages of development of our risk of bias tool
- Methodological review of bias items for NMAs
- Future steps



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PROJECT TEAM

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QUALITY ASSESSMENT FOR REVIEWS WITH *PAIRWISE META ANALYSIS*

- A structured quality assessment tool provides a standardised approach, providing consistency across reviews
- Many tools and checklists can be used for systematic reviews and meta-analysis:

Bias occurs if systematic flaws or limitations in the design, conduct or analysis distort the review conclusions

Number of checklists, instruments and tools		
Reporting	Quality of conduct	Risk of Bias
60	40	1

TOOLS AND CHECKLISTS TO AID IN SYSTEMATIC REVIEW CONDUCT, OR TO ASSESS THE REPORTING OR METHODOLOGICAL QUALITY OF A REVIEW

Tool purpose	Examples of tools or checklists for reviews with narrative summary or pairwise MA	Tools or checklists for reviews with NMA
Guidance for conducting systematic reviews	MECIR	No
Assess the quality of conduct of reviews	AMSTAR-2, OQAQ	ISPOR (International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research)
Guidelines for the complete reporting published reviews	PRISMA	PRISMA-NMA , NICE-DSU
Assess the risk of bias of published reviews	ROBIS	No
Assess the certainty in evidence and the strength of recommendations	GRADE	GRADE-NMA, CINeMA, Threshold method



RATIONALE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RISK OF BIAS TOOL FOR NMAS

1. Quality subpar. In a survey of 438 NMAs:
 - 75% considered moderate to low methodological quality using AMSTAR
 - ~50% inadequately reported 6 ISPOR network meta-analysis items
2. Novel elements in reviews with NMA require a bias assessment tool tailored to identifying NMA biases
 - Example, choice of node-making method (e.g. splitting, lumping) can drastically alter the network and subsequent results
3. Many reviews with NMA are published on the same topic with conflicting conclusions. For example, one study identified 28 NMAs on treatments for rheumatoid arthritis
 - Choosing a high quality NMA from multiple conflicting NMAs is difficult without a tailored risk of bias tool



STAGES OF TOOL DEVELOPMENT

- Our RoB NMA tool will address the degree to which the methods lead to a risk of bias in the review conclusions
- Objectives in 3 stages
- Methodology for developing a comprehensive and systematic risk of bias tool described in Whiting et al.'s "Framework for Developing Quality Assessment Tools"



Stage 1.
Methodological review



Stage 2.
Delphi exercises



Stage 3.
Pilot test and refine



METHODS: METHODOLOGICAL REVIEW OF ITEMS

Eligibility criteria

Reports (e.g., journal articles, guidance, book chapters) that describe items or criteria used to assess bias or quality in reviews of NMA

Search methods

Ovid MEDLINE, Cochrane Library, methods collections, and grey literature

Data extraction

Items or criteria potentially relevant to bias or quality in reviews with NMA
Items extracted by 2 authors independently

Qualitative analysis

Group items into domains by similar concept
Split items so that each covers a single concept
Classify items as relating to bias or other aspects of quality
Items re-worded as signalling questions

PRELIMINARY RESULTS: METHODOLOGICAL REVIEW OF ITEMS

- 56 studies included (2003-2020), which fall under these categories:

Tools	Methods	Guidance	Quality assessments of NMAs
16	21	12	7

- Included the updated PRISMA guidance for SRs with pairwise meta-analysis
- Data extraction of items underway
- List of retained items will be refined by the steering group
- Final list of unique items will be compiled into a domain-based risk of bias tool



NEXT TWO STAGES

- Conduct a multi-round Delphi process to solicit expert opinion on what items should be included
 - Sample of 50 experts will be invited
 - Consensus defined as 70% agreement
- Pilot test and refine the tool
- Knowledge translation strategy including training knowledge users in how to use the tool





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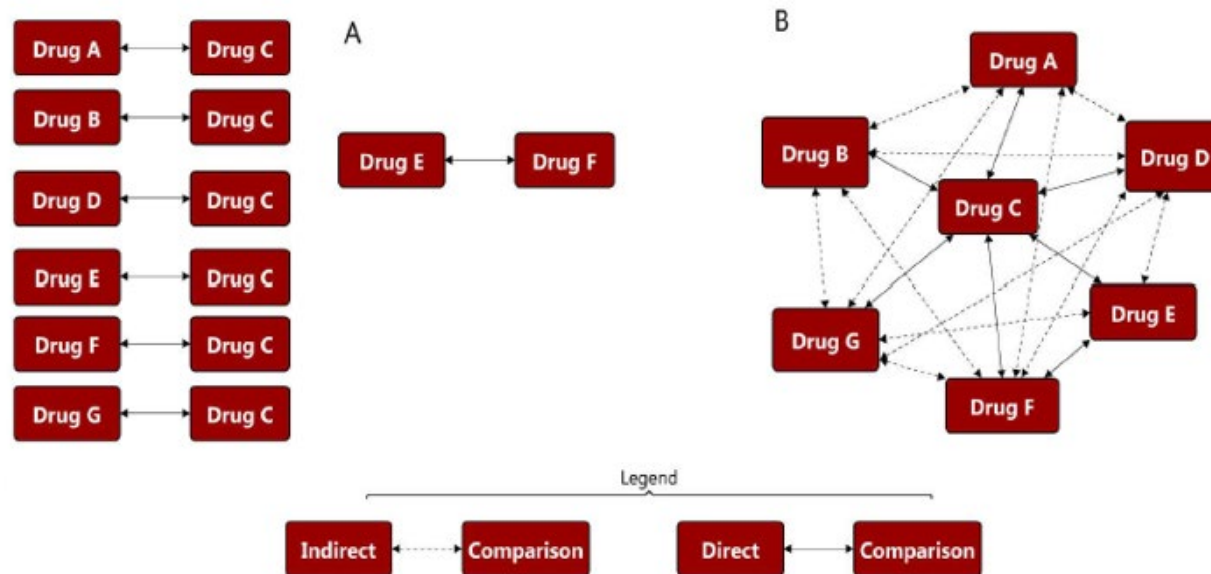
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EXTRA SLIDES FOR QUESTIONS



WHAT IS AN NMA?

- Review with NMA aims to, or intends to, simultaneously synthesise more than two health care interventions of interest
- Moving from individual pairs of comparisons to a network/unified meta-analysis



EXAMPLES OF BIASES IN NMA SYNTHESIS

Node splitting bias. Methods can include:

1. Broad lumping approach that groups similar interventions at a broad level and is useful to estimate effects of intervention groups,
 2. Grouping interventions with similar PICO elements together, taking account of clinically important variables,
 3. Lumping-and-dismantling approach informed by meta-regression to investigate effects attributed to different components
 4. Class-effect model approach that lumps similar interventions together as a class but assumes effect variations between these interventions, using modeling to estimate effects of specific interventions
- Rank/ probabilities can be biased if the uncertainty of some treatment effects is larger than on others
 - Distortions of summary estimates in cases with between-study heterogeneity that are not accounted for (e.g. with meta-regression). These can impact the ordering of treatments and treatment effects
 - Pre-specification of methods is essential and should be based on objectives



DEALING WITH RETRIEVAL BIAS FOR AN EVIDENCE-INFORMED INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DATA NETWORK META-ANALYSIS

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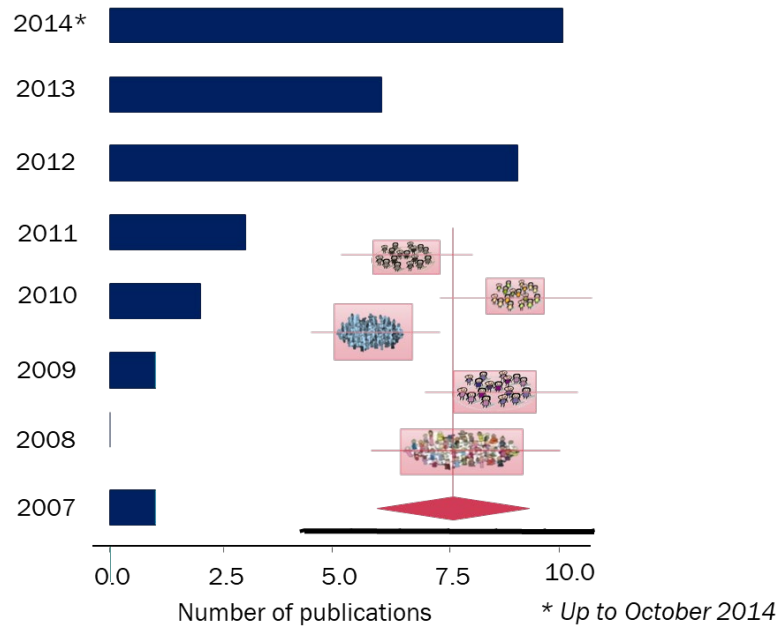
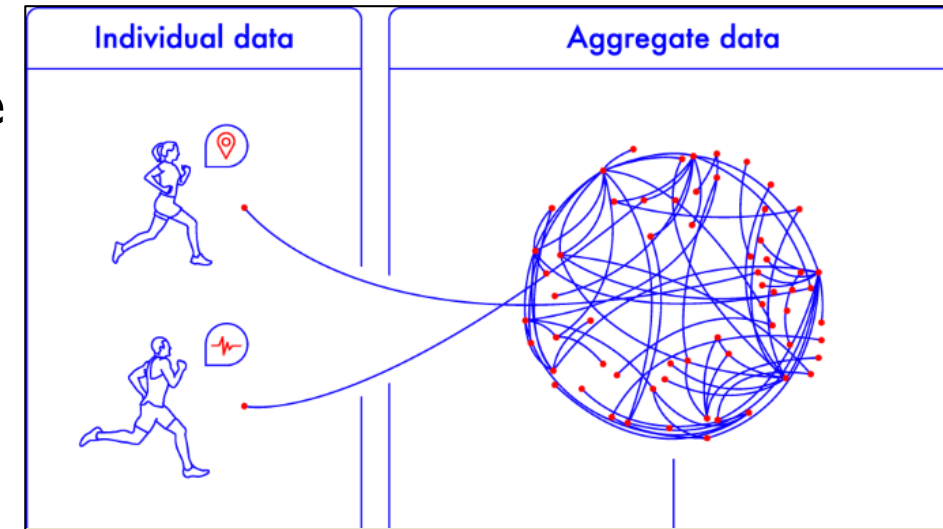
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INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DATA NETWORK META-ANALYSIS

Personalized medicine is required to optimize health care
IPD meta-analyses: use data from each individual patient enrolled in each included trial

- **Gold standard** for synthesising evidence across clinical trials



IPD indirect comparisons are published with increasing frequency in health care literature

SHARING INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DATA (IPD) FROM RCTS

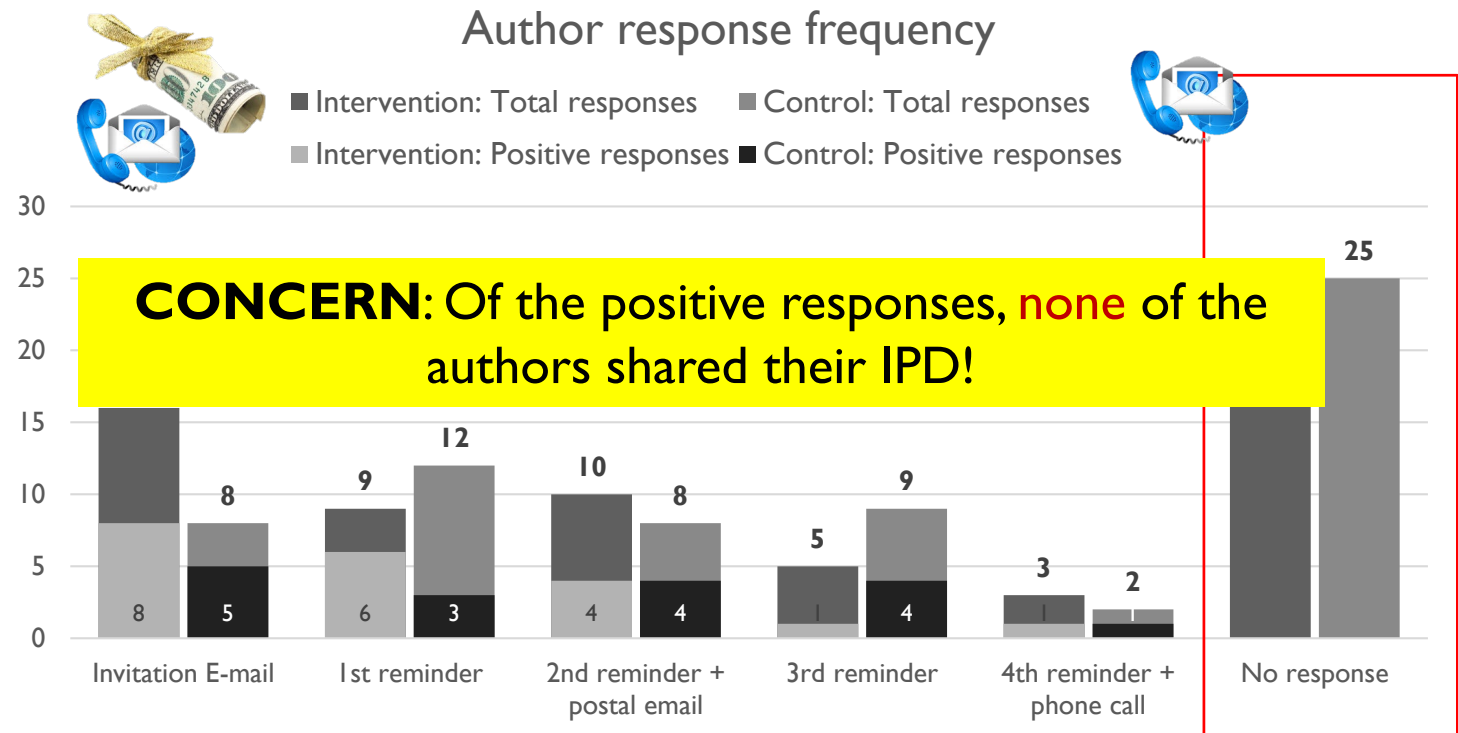
- Network meta-analyses modelling IPD usually include **non-sponsored** or **publicly sponsored** RCTs
- Evidence suggests that IPD sharing may **depend on study characteristics**, such as funding type, RCT size, RCT risk of bias, and treatment effect
- **Retrieval bias** in IPD network meta-analysis of **sponsored** RCTs has not been assessed before
- What are the **challenges** and **barriers**?



SHARING INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DATA (IPD) FROM RCTS

- **Missing data** can distort the medical literature and harm patients when erroneous decisions are made
 - IPD meta-analyses based only on a **portion of the trials** can affect the results (selection bias)!

- 33% of the negative responses were due to:
 - lack of resources or time,
 - lack of ownership or IPD, and
 - old IPD that could not be retrieved

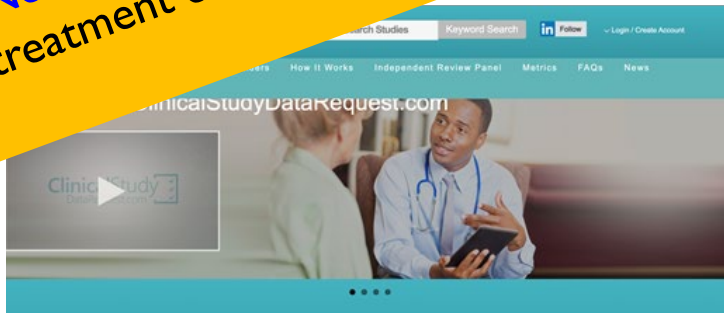


INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DATA NETWORK META-ANALYSIS

Data sharing was **only** possible through proprietary sponsor-specific platforms!



Newer studies with a **larger** sample size and a **smaller** treatment effect were **more likely** to have IPD that was available



Alzheimer's Dementia

- **15 sponsors** were contacted for 82 RCTs
- **6 (40%) sponsors** shared their data through proprietary sponsor-specific platforms
- 6 sponsors were contacted for **46 RCTs** (14,580 participants)
- We obtained IPD for **14 RCTs** (8,007 participants)
 - 1,058 total waiting days up to March 9, 2020

TIDM

- **2 sponsors** were contacted for 25 RCTs
- **1 (50%) sponsor** shared their data through a proprietary sponsor-specific platform
- We obtained **12 RCTs** (4,877 participants)

INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DATA NETWORK META-ANALYSIS

Alzheimer's Dementia

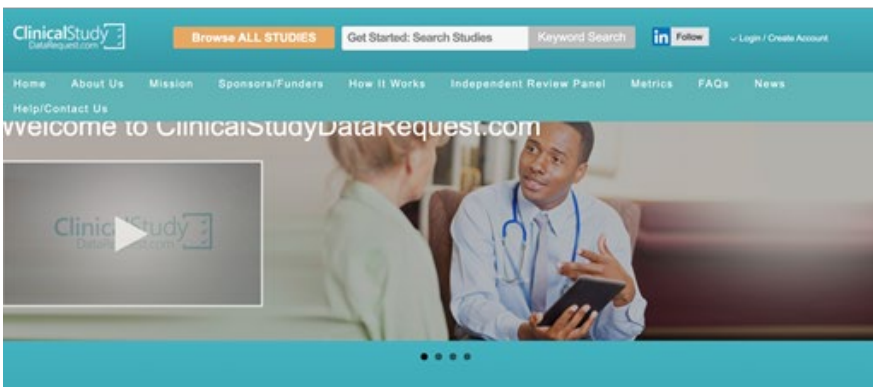
- We were able to include 12 RCTs in our NMA due to **incompleteness** of provided data
 - A study included only IPD for **the placebo arm**
 - A study did **not include** outcome data
- A big challenge in the IPD was the **high dropout rate** from the RCTs
- Two studies did not report an outcome of interest in the final publication, but in the **retrieved IPD** we were **able to use data** for this outcome

TIDM

- We were able to include 12 RCTs in our NMA



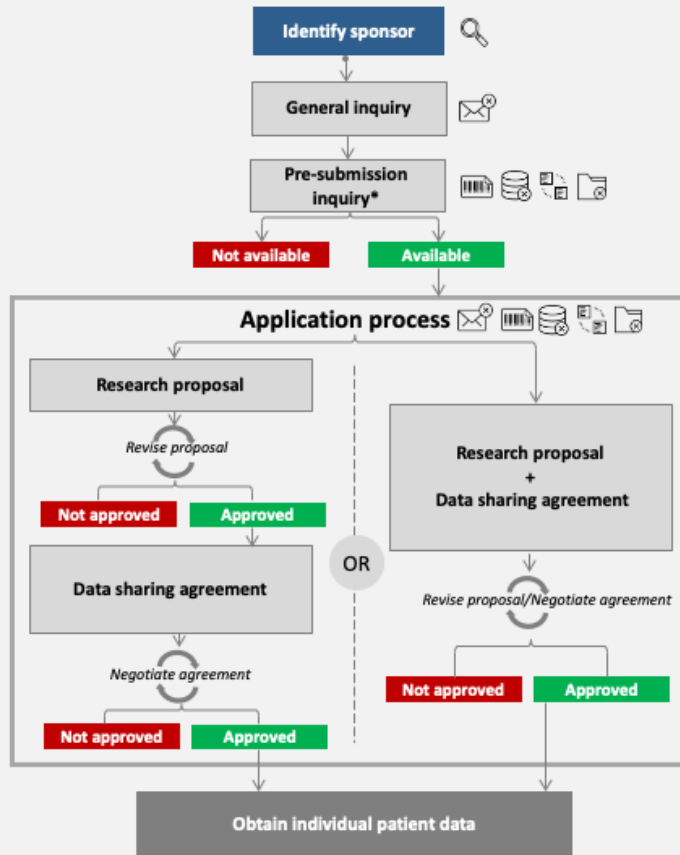
PRIMARY CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED



Challenges encountered included:

- **Identification** of trial data set when certain details were not available (e.g. NCT number)
- **Data ownership**
- Sponsors **switched platforms**, while we were navigating the data
- **Software availability:** Required R packages (e.g., mice) were not available/provided
 - we were not allowed to install any new R packages; R packages were older versions (e.g. lme4)
- IPD available through proprietary sponsor-specific platforms did not allow a **one-stage analysis** as planned in our protocol

PRIMARY CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED



*Pre-submission inquiry step was not required for some of the sponsors

LEGEND:		
Identify sponsor Unable to identify who sponsored the study via publication	No response No response received from sponsor after multiple follow-ups	Study ID number Not able to find trial identifiers (e.g. National Clinical Trial number)
Do not have data Sponsor does not have any data associated with the study	IPD not available Sponsor can share some data but not the requested individual patient data	Data ownership Does not have ownership of individual patient data

- **Time** that the platform permitted access to the individual patient data was often **limited**
- **Cost** associated with **obtaining access** to the data for certain time
- **Cost** associated with the WHO Drug Dictionary license to obtain access to the **additional medications** used for each patient
- Available individual patient data did not include the **full information** as shown in the publication:
 - Only data for placebo were available, or
 - Did not give information about a reported outcome (e.g. only baseline MMSE values were available).
 - Date of follow-up was coded in some studies and it was impossible to make a judgement on first and last date

HOW THESE FINDINGS WILL INCREASE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

- Well-conducted individual patient data network meta-analyses facilitate **tailored decision making**
- We were **able to obtain data** for studies that did **not** report outcome data in the original publication
- Retrieval bias can severely **impact** the knowledge synthesis findings and decision-making
- We retrieved individual patient data for **15% (12/80) of the eligible RCTs** in Alzheimer's dementia and **46% (12/26) of RCTs in type I diabetes**
- IPD sharing is **not yet well-established** in the field of Alzheimer's dementia and type I diabetes, and more efforts are required to achieve this goal

QUESTIONS?



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**depressionscreening100.com/phq:
A practice-based perspective to using the Patient
Health Questionnaire-9 to screen for depression**

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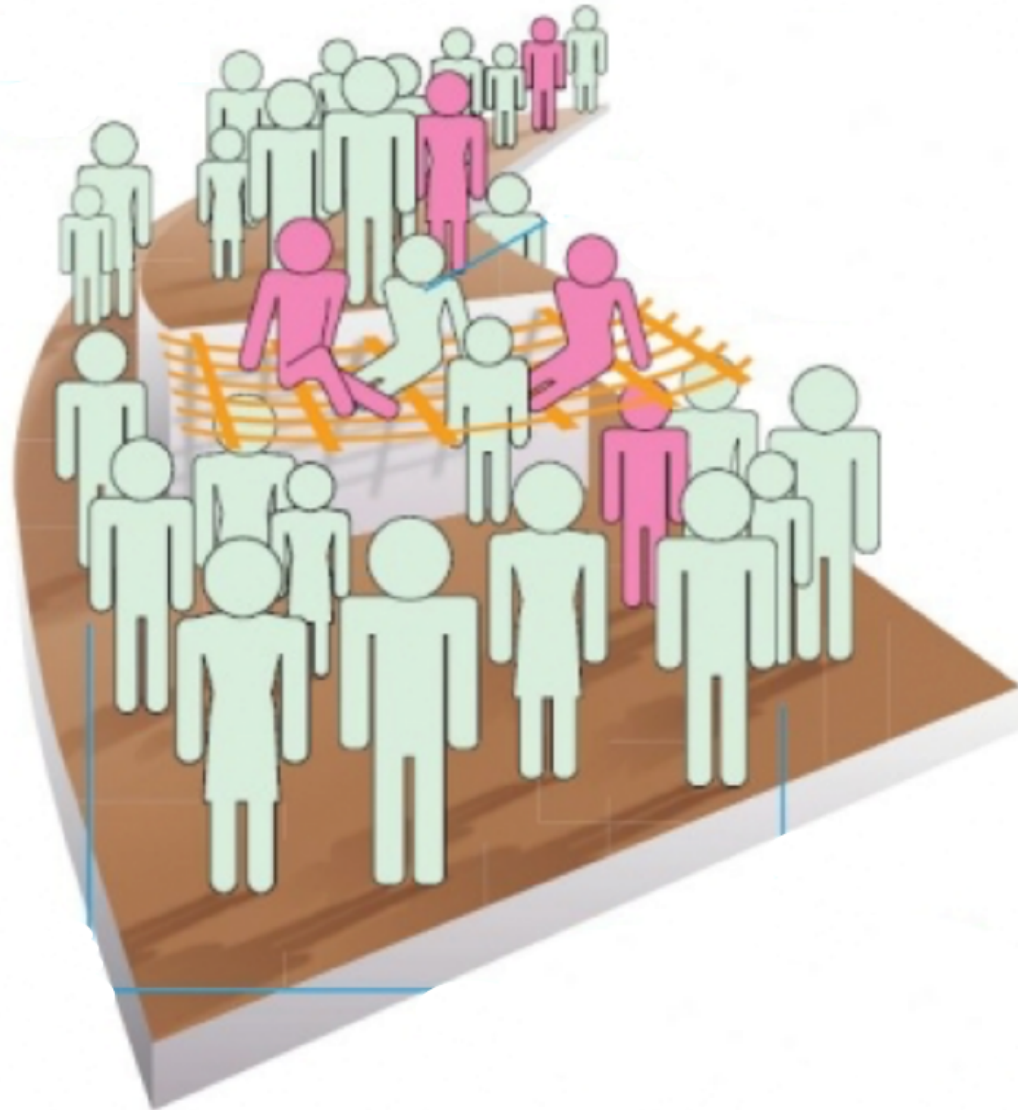
Depression in medical settings

- **Common and disabling condition**
- **Highly prevalent**
 - **General population:** ~5%
 - **Primary care:** 10%
 - **Specialty care:** 10-20%
- **Associated with poor prognosis**
- **One possible solution:** routine depression screening





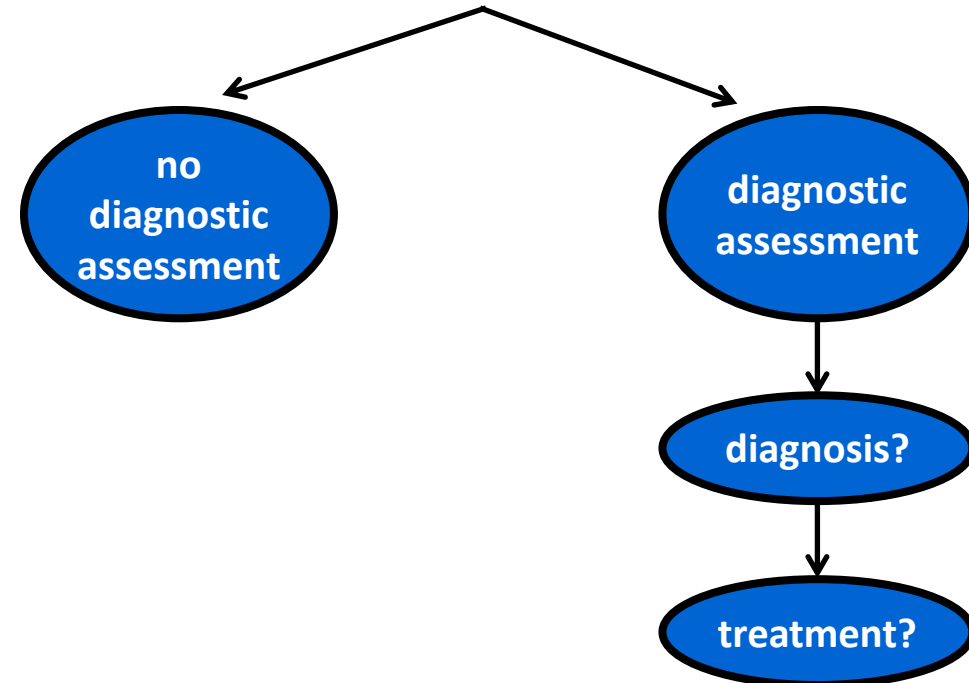
Depression screening



PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE-9 (PHQ-9)

Over the **last 2 weeks**, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?
(Use "✓" to indicate your answer)

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling tired or having little energy	0	1	2	3





Is the PHQ-9 accurate?

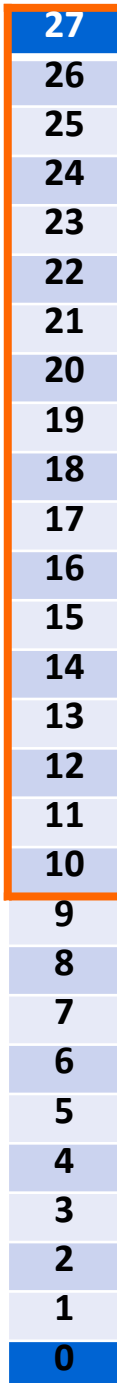
Diagnostic test accuracy

PHQ-9

Screening
Tool

		Diagnostic Interview	
		Depression +	Depression -
Screening Tool	Screen +	a	b
	Screen -	c	d

- **Sensitivity:** $a/(a+c)$
- **Specificity:** $d/(b+d)$
- **Positive Predictive Value:** $a/(a+b)$
- **Negative Predictive Value:** $d/(c+d)$



PHQ-9 Screening Score



PHQ-9 diagnostic accuracy



RESEARCH



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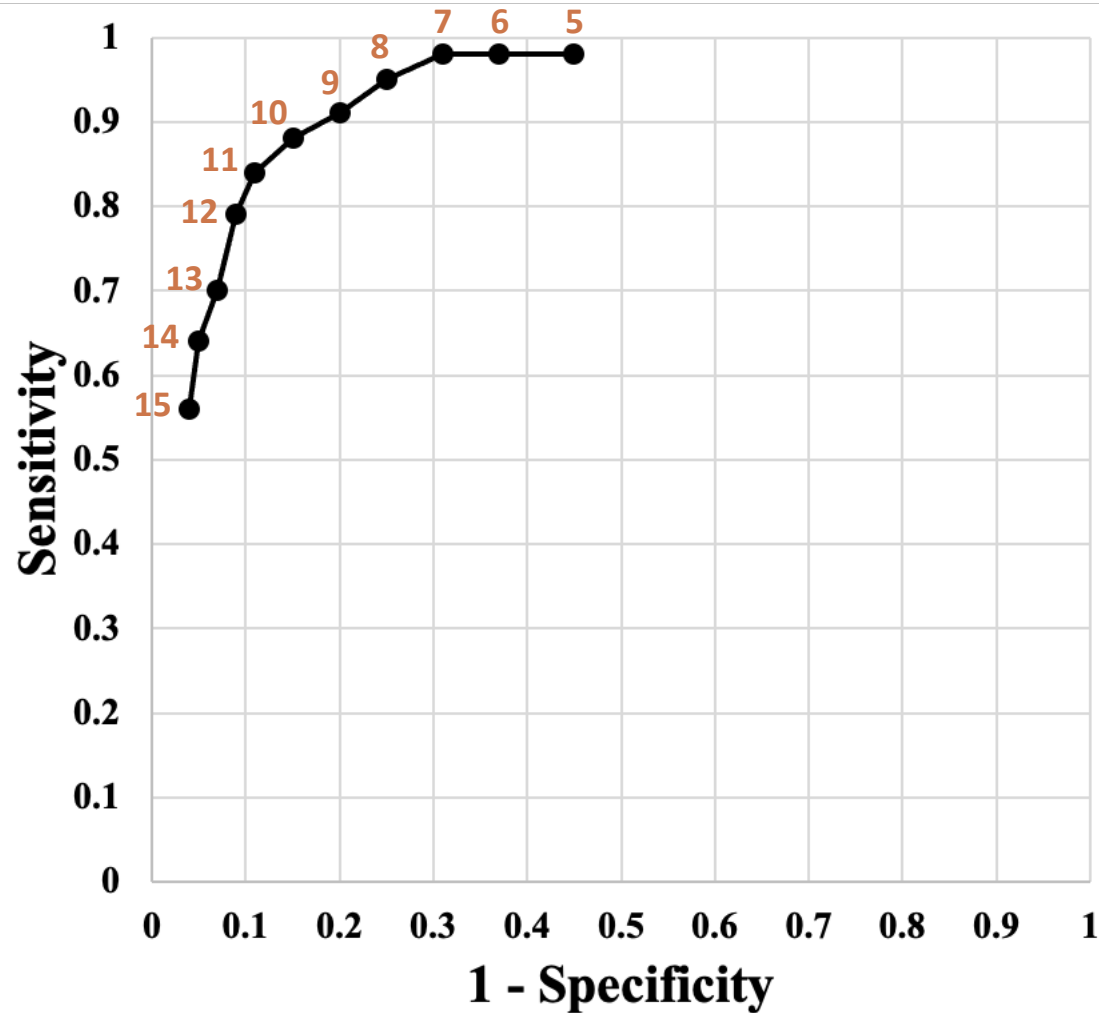


Accuracy of Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9) for screening to detect major depression: individual participant data meta-analysis

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Results



A **cutoff of ≥ 10** maximized combined sensitivity and specificity

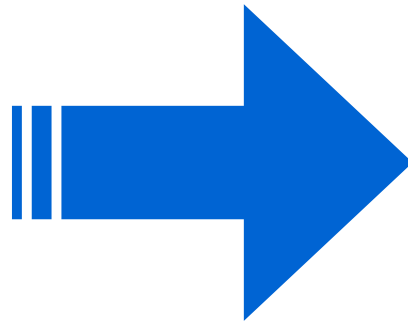
- Sensitivity = 0.88
- Specificity = 0.85



What does this mean?

Findings

- PHQ-9 has the greatest combination of sensitivity and specificity at a **cutoff of ≥ 10**



So what?

- What cutoff should clinicians use in clinical practice?
- Should clinicians always use a cutoff of ≥ 10 ?
- Are sensitivity and specificity equally important?
- What does “88% sensitivity” even mean?



Knowledge Translation web tool:

<http://depressionscreening100.com/phq/>

- **Objective and purpose:**

- To create a user-friendly knowledge translation tool based on sensitivity and specificity estimates from the IPDMA
- The tool allows clinicians to estimate, for a given depression prevalence and PHQ-9 screening cutoff score:
 - How many patients would screen positive versus negative
 - How many in each group would be correctly versus incorrectly identified

- **Knowledge user involvement:**

- We consulted with family physicians during development



Knowledge Translation web tool:

<http://depressionscreening100.com/phq/>

Please type in the prevalence in %

Enter an integer between 1 and 100

Prevalence



10

The default cutoff threshold is the standard cutoff score of 10 or greater. Use the slider below to select a lower or higher cutoff threshold


Cutoff


Calculate





 +  Based on the prevalence you entered, **22** of **100** patients (22%) in your practice would screen positive for possible depression.


Of the **22** patients who screen positive:


 **9** (39%) would meet diagnostic criteria for major depression (true positives)

 **13** (61%) would not meet diagnostic criteria for major depression (false positives)

 +  Based on the prevalence you entered, **78** of **100** patients (78%) in your practice would screen negative for possible depression.

Of the **78** patients who screen negative:

 **77** (99%) would be correctly ruled out (true negatives)

 **1** (1%) would be missed major depression cases (false negatives)



Summary and Impact

- This web-tool improves clinician understanding of results from our meta-analysis by
 - Translating results into numbers that are more readily understood
 - Providing guidance



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Progress toward a reporting guideline for overviews of reviews of healthcare interventions: Preferred Reporting Items for Overviews of Reviews (PRIOR)

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Background and rationale

WHAT ARE OVERVIEWS OF REVIEWS?

Overviews of reviews use **systematic methodology** to search for and synthesize data from **multiple systematic reviews (SRs)** on a similar topic with the purpose of mapping, synthesizing, and/or exploring discrepancies in the evidence.

UNIQUE CHALLENGES when the unit of analysis is the SR

INCREASED COMPLEXITY

Need to deal with two layers of information:

Systematic reviews

+

their included primary studies

+

METHODOLOGICAL UNCERTAINTY

Recommendations are abundant but fragmented and inconsistent

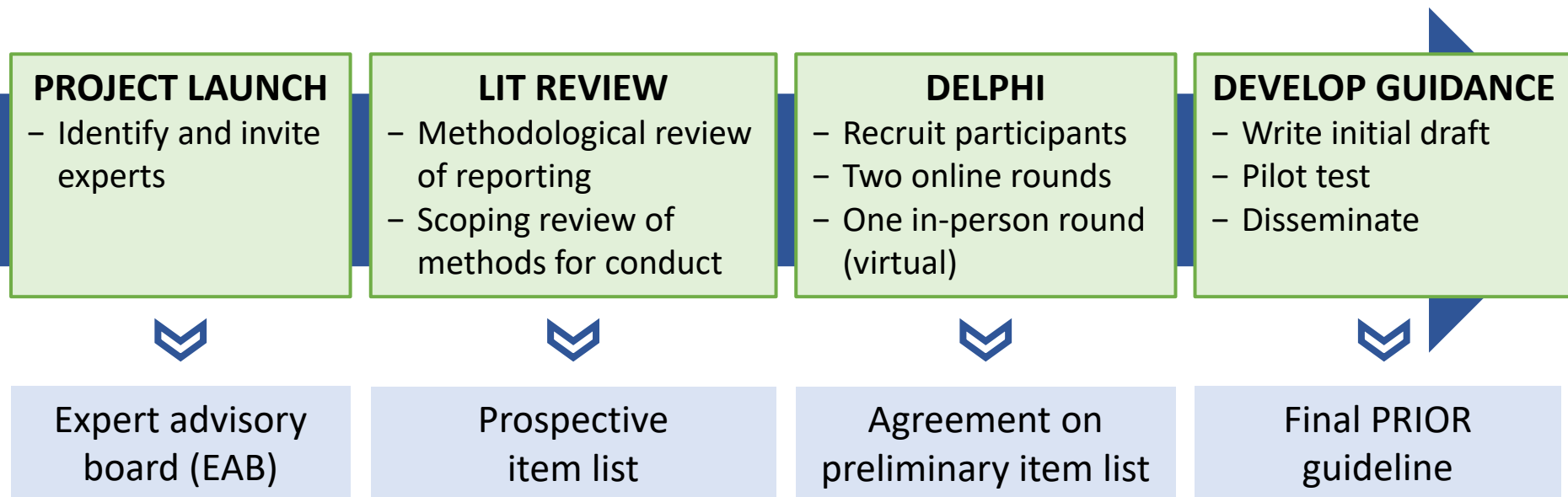
EVIDENCE- and CONSENSUS-BASED REPORTING GUIDANCE UNAVAILABLE

➤ **PRIOR**

Plans for PRIOR

OBJECTIVE To develop an **evidence- and agreement-based reporting guideline** for overview of reviews of healthcare interventions using explicit, systematic, transparent methods based on guidance of the EQUATOR Network

METHOD



Step 1: Project launch

ESTABLISHED A CORE TEAM responsible for day-to-day operations, and an international and interdisciplinary **expert advisory board**

ROLE OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY BOARD

- Provide expertise related to overview methodology and guideline development
- Nominate participants for the Delphi exercise, participate, provide feedback
- Help to plan and facilitate the in-person meeting
- Assist in producing the guideline, dissemination, knowledge translation

REGISTERED INTENT to develop PRIOR with the EQUATOR Network (2017)

PLANNED the project goals, steps, preliminary timelines, and published an a-priori protocol (2019)

OBTAINED ETHICS APPROVAL to undertake the project

Step 2: Literature reviews

METHODOLOGICAL REVIEW - REPORTING

- <30% describe a protocol, synthesis methods, quality of primary studies with the reviews, certainty of evidence
- <10% describe how primary studies were considered, how they dealt with discordant reviews



EVIDENCE-BASED
preliminary list of
candidate items

SCOPING REVIEW - METHODS GUIDANCE

- 77 guidance documents available
- Several areas of conflicting or lacking guidance
 - Whether, how, and when to include primary studies
 - How best to identify and manage primary study overlap
 - Rating the certainty of the evidence
- Limited evidence to support methodological decisions



Preliminary item list

STAND-ALONE GUIDELINE (not a PRISMA extension)

- Many items similar to PRISMA, but unit of analysis differs (systematic reviews)
- Allowed us to focus on particular challenges related to overviews
- Intended to facilitate future guideline extensions (e.g., diagnostic overviews)

ITEMS UNIQUE TO OVERVIEWS (examples)

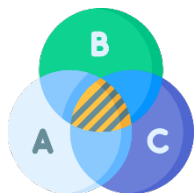
RATIONALE and SCOPE

Describe why an overview of reviews format is the most appropriate methodology for answering the research question



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Specify the pre-established definition of a systematic review used as a criterion for inclusion in the overview of reviews.



DATA EXTRACTION

State any methods used to deal with overlapping data from primary studies within the included systematic reviews during data extraction. State the method used to illustrate and/or quantify the degree of overlap across included systematic reviews.

Step 3: Modified Delphi

“The Delphi is a group facilitation technique that aims to obtain consensus from a group of experts”

- Iterative process where participants provide feedback in multiple rounds
- After each round, the findings are analyzed and summarized for participants
- Participants review group responses and re-consider their original decision in subsequent rounds, until a high level of agreement is reached ($\geq 70\%$)

PURPOSIVE SAMPLE

100 international participants with diverse expertise in conducting, reviewing, disseminating, and using overviews

ONLINE DELPHI 1 & 2

Given preliminary items and available evidence, participants vote to include/exclude (5-point scale)

SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

Subset of 10 expert panelists invited to an in-person meeting using the nominal group technique to reach agreement on final items

Step 3: Modified Delphi - progress

ROUND 1: 53 participants (53% response)

- ✓ Agreement ($\geq 70\%$) for the **inclusion of 48** of 52 items
- ✓ More than 500 unique qualitative comments

ROUND 2: 44 participants (83% return)

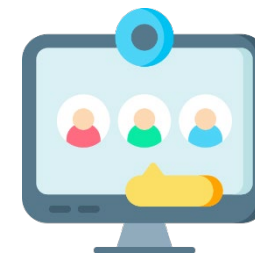
- ✗ **No agreement** on 9 remaining items (many were close)
- ✓ More than 250 unique qualitative comments

IN-PERSON: 13 selected participants

- 2 x 2-hour virtual meetings to deliberate and re-vote
- Discussion of next steps (pilot-testing, dissemination)



Reworded 1 item
Added 5 items



Step 4: Guidance statement development

REFINEMENT OF ITEM LIST

- Edit items based on participant comments, with the aim of producing clear, concise, and unambiguous wording for each item
- May involve condensing and/or re-organizing the checklist to a manageable length to enhance usability (e.g., 20 items + sub-items)

PILOT-TESTING

- A group of potential users will test the checklist
- Finalization of the checklist based on user feedback and input of the expert panel (in-person attendees)



Step 4: Guidance statement development

WRITING

A writing group consisting of the core team, EAB, and expert panelists from in-person meeting will draft the initial manuscript, explanation and elaboration document

DISSEMINATION



publication in peer-reviewed journal

infographics



Other ideas?

post on EQUATOR



social media & video

THANK YOU

Look forward to PRIOR in 2021!

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Accelerating integration of emerging evidence into health care delivery: rapid reviews for learning health systems

Presenter: Marcy Hager, Director of Evidence-based Practice Program, Oregon Health & Science University

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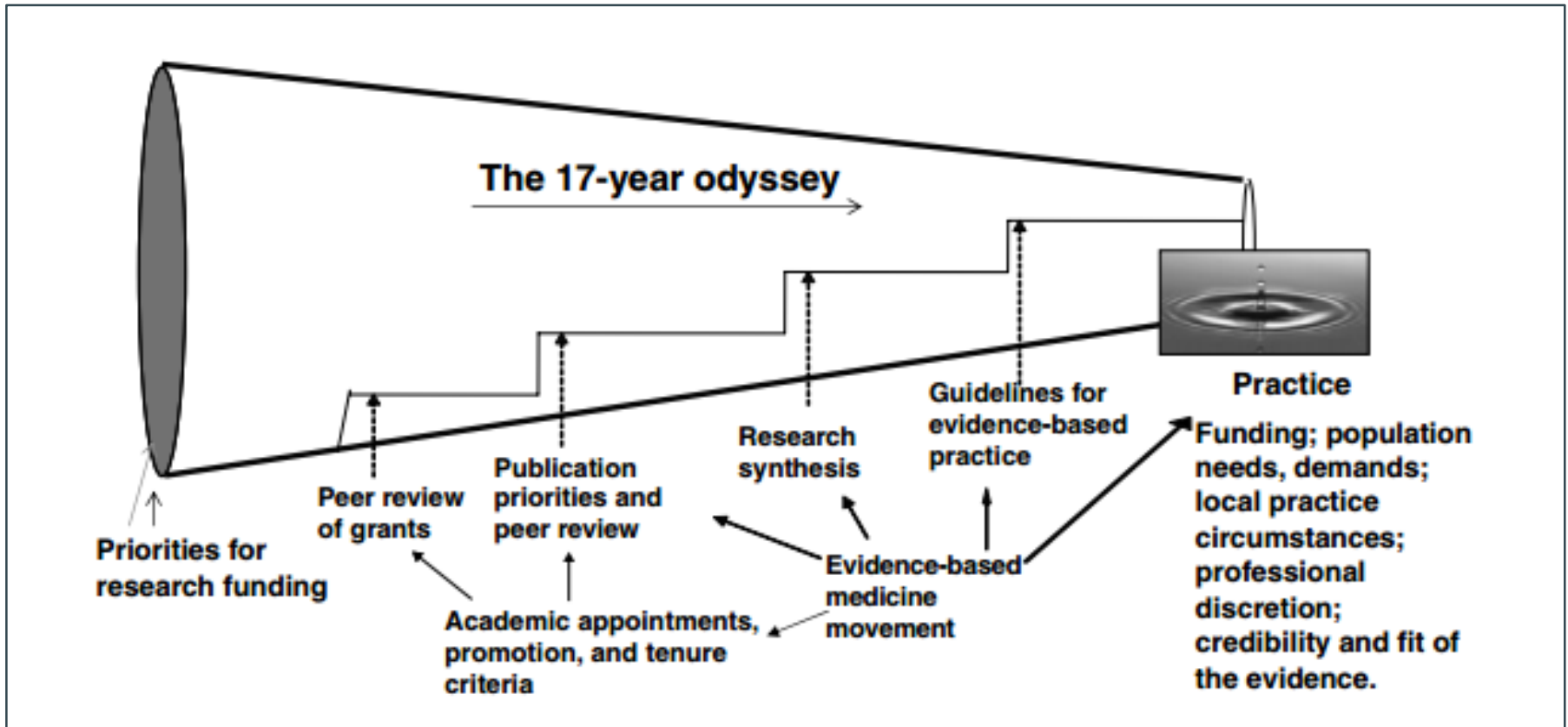
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Learning Health Systems

Why is there a need for a localized rapid review process?

The 17-Year evidence-to-practice gap



Source: Green LW, Ottoson J, Garcia C, Robert H (2009). Diffusion theory and knowledge dissemination. *Annual Review of Public Health* 30, 151.

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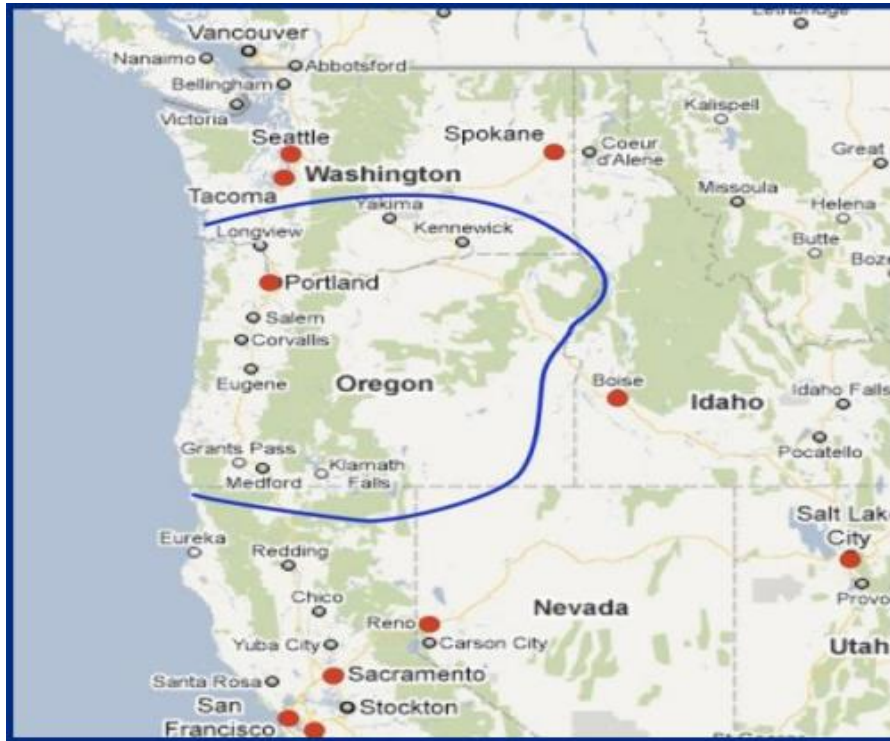
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APPLY



OHSU Health
Evidence-based Practice Program
How do we get there?

OHSU Health System




Oregon Health Science University (OHSU), Hillsboro Medical Center and Adventist Health formed OHSU Health System with the goal of transforming members into a value-based care organization through partnership and innovation.

Office of Clinical Integration and Evidence-based Practice

- Established with the goal of integrating best research evidence into clinical practice.
- Supports the development and implementation of evidence-based guidelines
- Goal: "One Standard of Care" across OHSU Health

EBP Deliverables



OHSU Health System Evidence-based Clinical Guidelines



Evidence Briefs



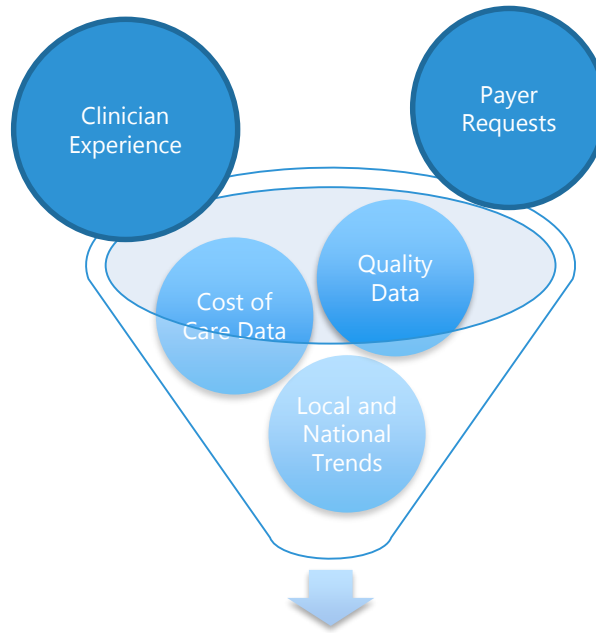
EBP Interdisciplinary Course

Clinical Guidelines

Clinical Integration Council

- Interdisciplinary body was formed to oversee care standardization throughout the health system by:
 - Prioritizing OHSU Health System Guidelines
 - Identifying clinical champions
 - Removing barriers
 - Providing resources
- Clinical Advisory Council includes following members:
 - Chief Medical Officers (OHSU, Hillsboro and Adventist)
 - Chief Nursing Officers (OHSU, Hillsboro and Adventist)
 - Physician Champions (OHSU, Hillsboro and Adventist)
 - Quality Officer
 - Senior Associate Dean

Guideline Selection Process



Candidate Topics



Ranking by multiple stakeholders



Selection by Clinical
Integration Council

Weighted Overall Project Score:

0.00

Project Number:

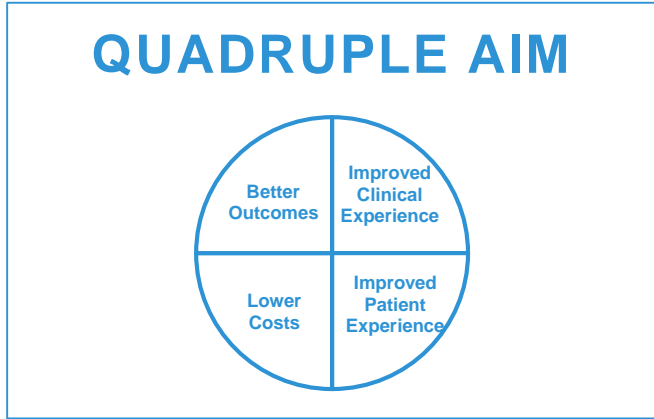
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Criteria	Score	Weight	Weighted Score*	Issues/Concerns
1.0 Sponsorship		0.10	0.00	
2.0 Quality, Pt Safety and Experience Improvement Benefit <List outcomes to be impacted>		0.30	0.00	
3.0 Financial Benefits <List areas to be impacted>		0.25	0.00	
4.0 At Risk Populations		0.10	0.00	
5.0 Impact/Effort		0.15	0.00	
6.0 Best Practices		0.05	0.00	
7.0 Provider Wellness/Satisfaction		0.05	0.00	
TOTAL (sum of weighted score column)		1	0.00	

Note: Any criterion scores of zero must be addressed before project is approved

* Weighted score = project's score for each criterion times the weight.

Projected Resources Required:	
Clinical Informatics/ITG - Epic Workflow and Build	
Clinical Informatics - Reporting	
Value Analytics	
Quality Management	
Pharmacy	
Supply Chain	
Clinical Staff	
Other (specify)	



Guideline Topic	Sponsorship	Quality/Pt Experience	Financial Benefit	At-Risk Population	High Impact/ Low Effort	Best Practices	Provider Wellness
Adult Cystic Fibrosis Pain and Anxiety							
Safe Opioid Prescribing for Chronic, Non-End-of-Life Pain							
Supplemental Feeding in Healthy, Term Neonates							
Colorectal Cancer Screening							
Heart Failure							
Acute Low Back Pain							
Pancreatitis							
Pediatric Urinary Tract Infection							
Sickle Cell Disease							
Induction of Labor							

Step 1: Guideline Development



Step 2: Guideline Implementation

Collect Baseline Data

- What can we collect already
- Data work and workflow impact
- Workflow integration

Communicate and Educate

- Patient Education Materials
- Staff Materials
- Patient Communication Materials
- Expert Talking Points
- Tool Kits for Site Implementation

Develop Decision Support Tool

- Links to Guidelines
- Document Templates
- Flow Sheets
- EHR Changes
 - Best Practice Alerts
 - Order Sets

Develop the Process Metrics

- Answer how well we are using the tools
- Resource
- Communication
- Project Coordination
- Site Coordination
- Develop the reporting tool
- Publish the reporting tool
- Identify resources

Identify Programmatic Recommendations

- Develop a Business Case
- Develop an ROI evaluation
- Develop Budgeting Reports

Impact from Guidelines

Outcome Measures Post-Implementation	
Cystic Fibrosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opioid-using encounters during hospitalization decreased 9% at 1-year post-implementation. • Encounters in which IV opioids were prescribed decreased 8%. • Morphine equivalent dose/day (MEDD) was reduced by 1.4. • Length of stay reduced 1/5 days.
Opioid Prescribing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced 4660 opioid prescriptions (11% to 9%) during 17 months of follow-up (P < .0001). • Reduced average MEDD per prescription from 21.1 to 16.8 (P = .009).
Supplemental Feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-intervention, median documentation was 0; this rose to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 78.6% after provider and staff education ➤ 84.9% after the integration of charting tools ➤ 100% after RNs began calculating & documenting with tool
Heart Failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cause readmissions decreased from 17.5% to 11% • Related readmissions decreased from 12% to 7%

Lessons Learned

- Executive sponsorship and support is essential
- Include patients in guideline development and implementation
- Engage EHR team early on to ensure recommendations are realistic
- Ensure appropriate stakeholders are at the table
- Focus implementation efforts
- Time-consuming
- Competing demands
- Behavior change is more than just Epic tools

EBP Program Partnerships

- Medical Librarian
- Pacific Northwest Evidence-based Practice Center
- Data Analyst/Report Writing
- Health System Effectiveness
- Quality/Performance Improvement
- Alignment with Health System Initiatives such as
 - Integrated Delivery System
 - Population Health
 - Value-based Care



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REVIEW

Few evaluative studies exist examining rapid review methodology across stages of conduct: a systematic scoping review

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Abstract

Objectives: The objective is to identify studies that have assessed methodological shortcuts for undertaking rapid reviews (RRs) and mapping these to review conduct stages and Methodological Expectations of Cochrane Intervention Reviews (MECIR) guidance.

Study Design and Setting: We conducted a systematic scoping review. We searched multiple databases (e.g., MEDLINE, Embase), which were supplemented by grey literature searching. Methods were defined *a priori* in a published protocol.

Results: Out of 1,873 records, 90 publications were divided into four RR categories: formal evaluation ($n = 14$), development, which included four subcategories ($n = 65$), comparison ($n = 2$), and applying reporting guidelines/critical appraisal tools ($n = 3$), and a systematic review surrogate category ($n = 6$). Four formal evaluation studies were composite evaluations, including more than one shortcut simultaneously. The remaining 10 studies evaluated viable (e.g., including English-only publications) and unviable (e.g., single-reviewer screening) shortcuts, covering five key dimensions and five ‘other’ (e.g., involving stakeholders) considerations while conducting a review. Because of complexities around shortcuts evaluated, only a cursory mapping to MECIR criteria was possible.

Conclusion: Some methods shortcuts may be valid in the context of RRs, but limitations in the studies may limit their applicability. The results will serve to inform discussions within Cochrane regarding possible future implementation of RRs. © 2020 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Keywords: Rapid reviews; Methodology; Shortcuts; Formal evaluations; Abbreviated methods; Scoping review

Objective

- Protocol:
 - Open Science Framework (<https://osf.io/dekx6/>)
- Objective: to conduct a scoping review of the literature
 - assessing one or more method(s) applicable for undertaking rapid reviews (e.g., single reviewer screening vs. double reviewer screening) or
 - comparing the results of rapid reviews to those of systematic reviews (e.g., do conclusions change?) across all stages of conduct.
- Abstract in special Supplement to the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews¹

Methods

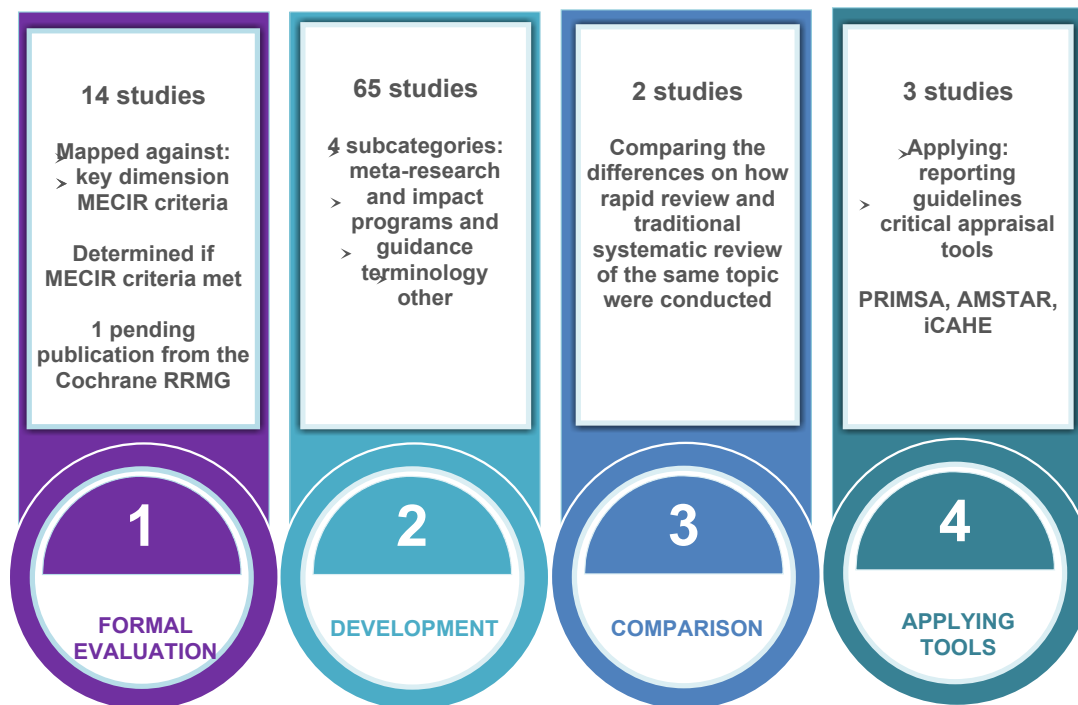
- Eligibility criteria
 - Published in English, since 1997
- Search for studies
 - MEDLINE® ALL, Embase Classic + Embase, PsycINFO, ERIC, Cochrane Library, CINAHL, Web of Science, Epistemonikos
 - Additional searching: grey literature (e.g., organizations that produce RRs), bibliographies of included studies, contacting experts in the field, bibliography of Robson 2018²
- Study selection
 - Piloting at title and abstract and full text screening
 - Liberal accelerated at title and abstract
 - Dual, independent at full text
- Data charting
 - Piloting performed on 5 records
 - One reviewer extracted, a second reviewer verified all data

Methods

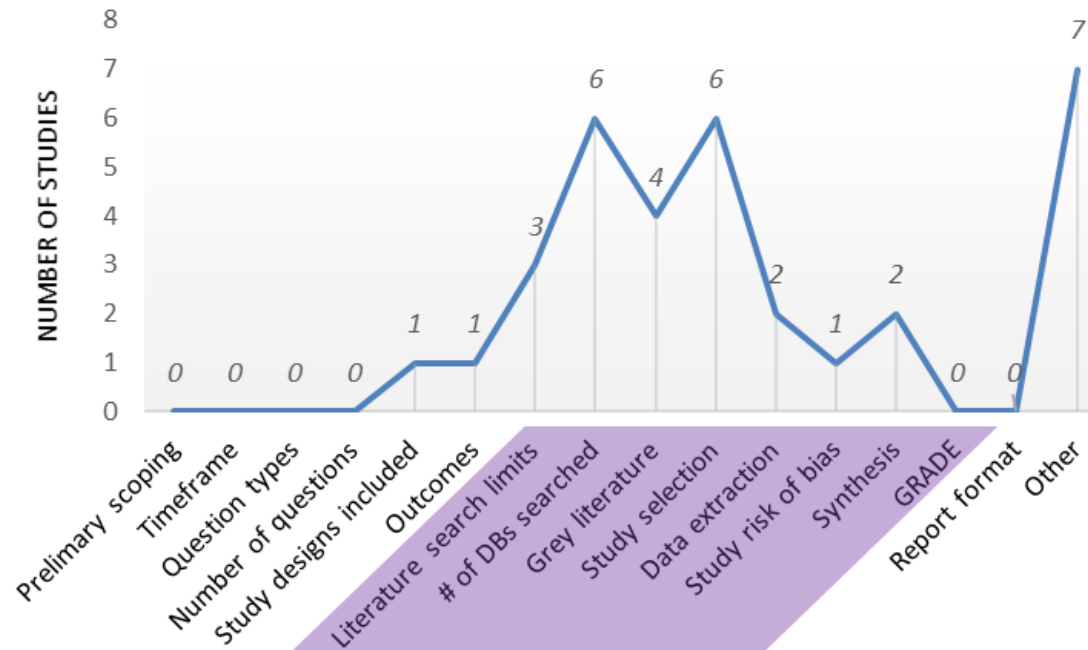
- Data synthesis
 - Two reviewers mapped the studies into 4 categories:
 - **1) Formal evaluation**
 - mapped to stages of conduct to identify gaps
 - compared to Methodological Expectations of Cochrane Intervention Reviews (MECIR) guidelines to see whether the method met the MECIR criteria
 - 2) Development: meta-research and impact, programs and guidance, terminology, other
 - 3) Comparison (i.e., comparing RRs to SRs of the same topic)
 - 4) Applying tools (e.g., PRISMA, AMSTAR)
 - All studies narratively described and presented in tables

Results

- 90 studies, including 6 SR surrogates
 - 68 studies (75.6%) published since 2014
- 14 formal evaluation studies³⁻¹⁶
 - 10 evaluated single shortcuts
 - 4 evaluated 'composite' shortcuts
 - 11 studies (78.6%) published since 2017



Mapping to key dimensions of the review process



- Includes the composite evaluations studies
- A study could have evaluated more than one shortcut
- 33 total evaluations
- 16 single evaluations

Shortcuts evaluated: 10 single-evaluation studies

Review stage	Evaluation	Viable?
Literature search limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshall 2019: Excluding articles older than 5, 7, 10, 15, and 20 years before the search date 	✗
Number of databases searched / Grey literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshall 2019: Removing any studies not identified in PubMed 	✓*
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nussbaumer-Streit 2019: Abbreviated searches, (i) combining a variety of database searches (ii) with or without gray literature searching 	✓/✗
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pham 2016: (i) including only the bibliographic database that yielded the highest number of records, plus the ancillary sources searched in the original SR/MA, and (ii) limiting the search to bibliographic databases 	✓/✗
Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gartlehner 2020: Single- reviewer screening 	✓*
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gartlehner 2019: Machine-assisted, screening, single-reviewer screening, and machine screening alone 	✓*
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pham 2016: Single-reviewer screening 	✗
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rathbone 2017: Participants, interventions and comparators-based title-only screening 	✓
Data extraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martyn St James 2017: Extracting data from an existing SR 	✓

* Not for SRs, but may be viable for RRs or where synthesis is urgently needed.

Shortcuts evaluated: 10 single-evaluation studies

Review stage	Evaluation	Viable?
Involving stakeholders	• Moore 2017 : Including knowledge brokers in the review process	✓
Inclusion based on study design	• Marshall 2019 : Excluding trials with fewer than 50, 100, and 200 participants, and using the largest trial only	✗
Inclusion based on language	• Nussbaumer-Streit 2020 : Limiting to English-only publications	✓
Inclusion based on access to publication	• Pham 2016 : Including studies that were available electronically	✓*
Peer-review search strategy	• Spry 2018 : Impact of the peer review of search strategies	✓

* e-journals became more widely available in the 1990s

Discussion

- Little overlap in evaluations
 - Comparisons within a review stage of conduct differed
- Largely based on case studies
 - For example, Pham 2016 evaluated 4 different shortcuts using 3 SRs
- Composite evaluations
 - Recommend reporting the impact of each shortcut separately
- Recommendations may be topic dependent and impact of a shortcut should be considered
 - For example, if a topic was on nursing, then CINAHL should be searched

Questions



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Agenda

- How to build “trust” in machine learning?
- Where is machine learning is applied in PICO Portal?
 - ‘**Include**’ & ‘**exclude**’ prediction
 - Study type classification
 - Deduplication
 - Highlighting keywords
 - Crowd sourcing
- Q&A



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Parents in transition: Experiences of parents of young people with a liver transplant transferring to adult services [↗](#)

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Published on: 2017 Publication: Pediatric Transplantation;21(1):e12760

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Predictors of successful transition from **pediatric** to adult services include ability to self-manage and engage with healthcare services . Parents have a key role in healthcare management throughout childhood and **adolescence** including encouraging development of self-management skills in their **children**. Transition to adult services can be challenging for **parents and young people**, yet parents' views regarding transition remain largely unexplored . **Nine parents of pediatric liver transplant recipients (15.2-25.1 yr)** participated in semistructured interviews . Interviews were analyzed using IPA . Analysis revealed three key themes: `` emotional impact of transplantation , `` protection vs. independence , and `` ending relationships and changing roles . Parents expressed the dichotomous nature of the desire to promote independence in their **child** while still maintaining control and protection, and discussed how changing roles and relationships were difficult to navigate . Parents are important facilitators of **young people**'s development of self-management skills for successful transfer to adult services . Parents should be supported to move from a `` managerial to a `` supervisory role during transition to help **young people** engage independently with the healthcare team . Findings support the development of interventions for parents to emphasize their role in transition and guide the transfer of self-management skills from parent to young person.

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Final Consensus: **Yes** Hur [\[redacted\]](#) di

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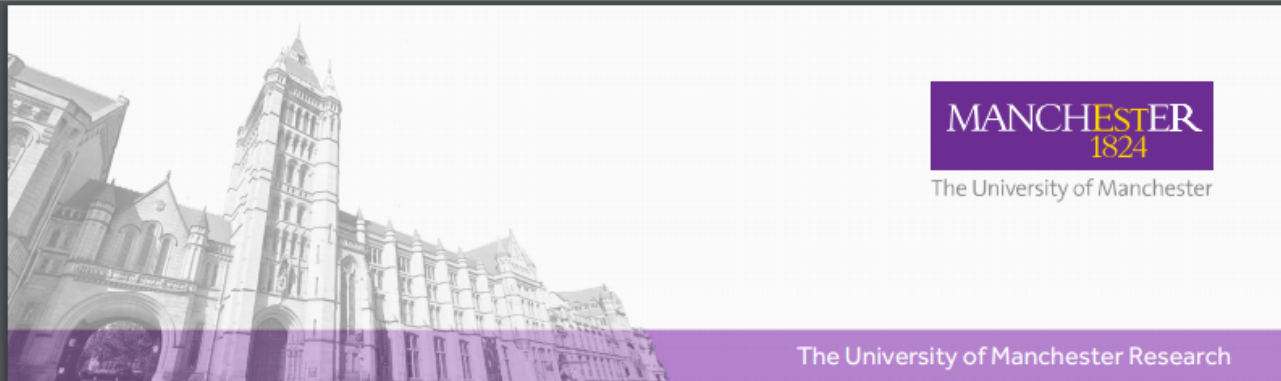
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Building Machine Learning and “Trust”

Machine learning = classification, prediction & clustering

Trust is built when the classification, prediction & data clustering helps you make good research decisions

Based on these guiding principals, our approach is:

We **earn user’s trust** during the project duration, and we also make sure that the techniques that PICO Portal is using are benchmarked against published research



Predicting study results in systematic reviews is hard

If Chihuahua is “**Include**” & Muffin is “**exclude**”, how do we teach a machine to solve that?



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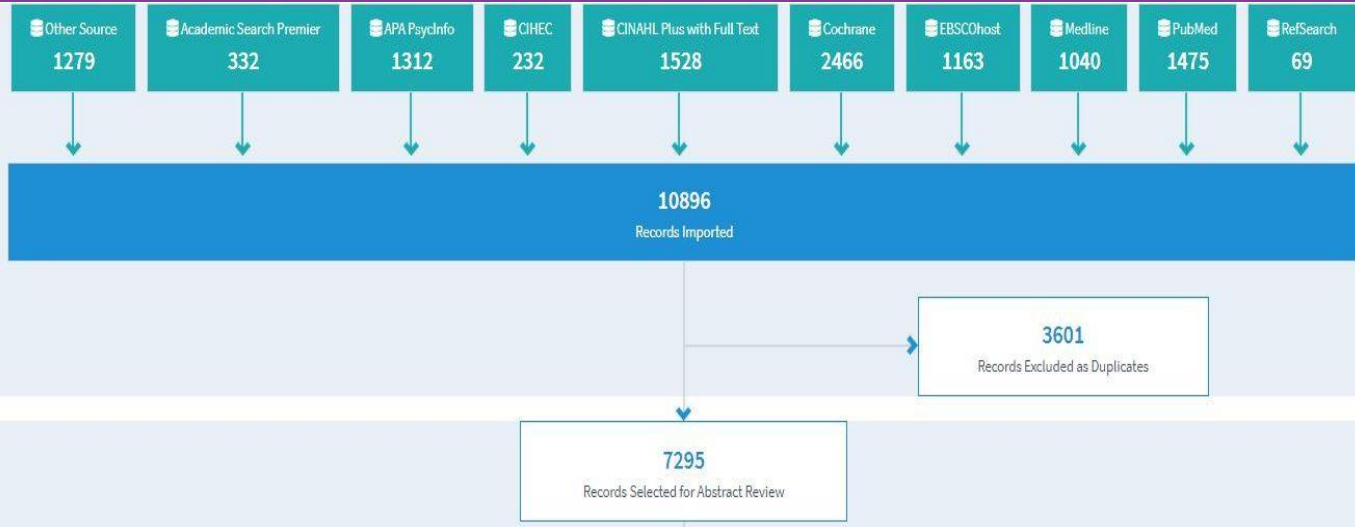
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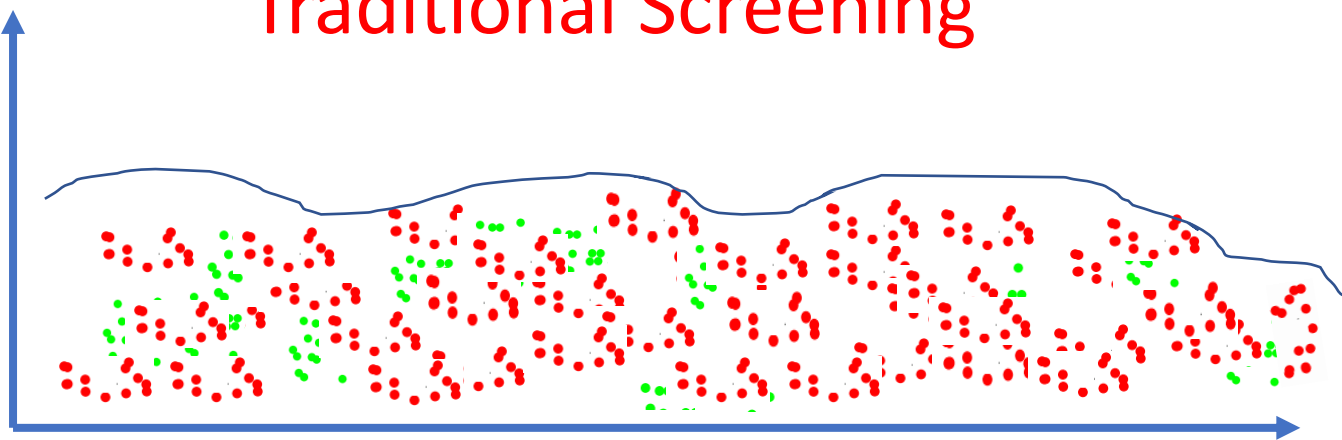
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- Citation are screened in random order
- Resources need to be allocated manually
- In many cases the process is sequential and takes longer
- Open source or commercial tools resemble spreadsheets and aren't easy to use

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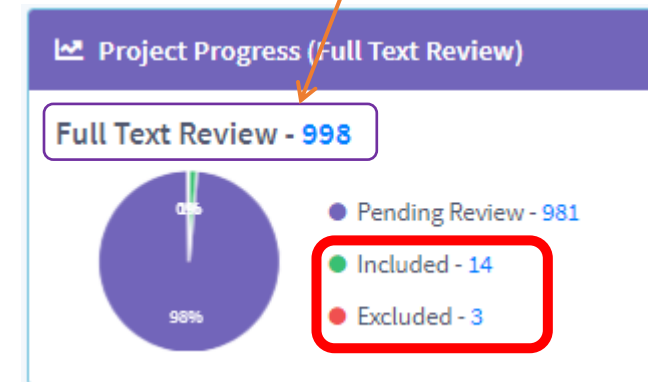
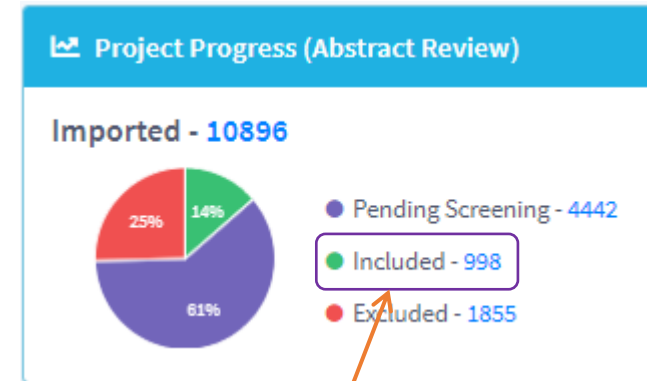
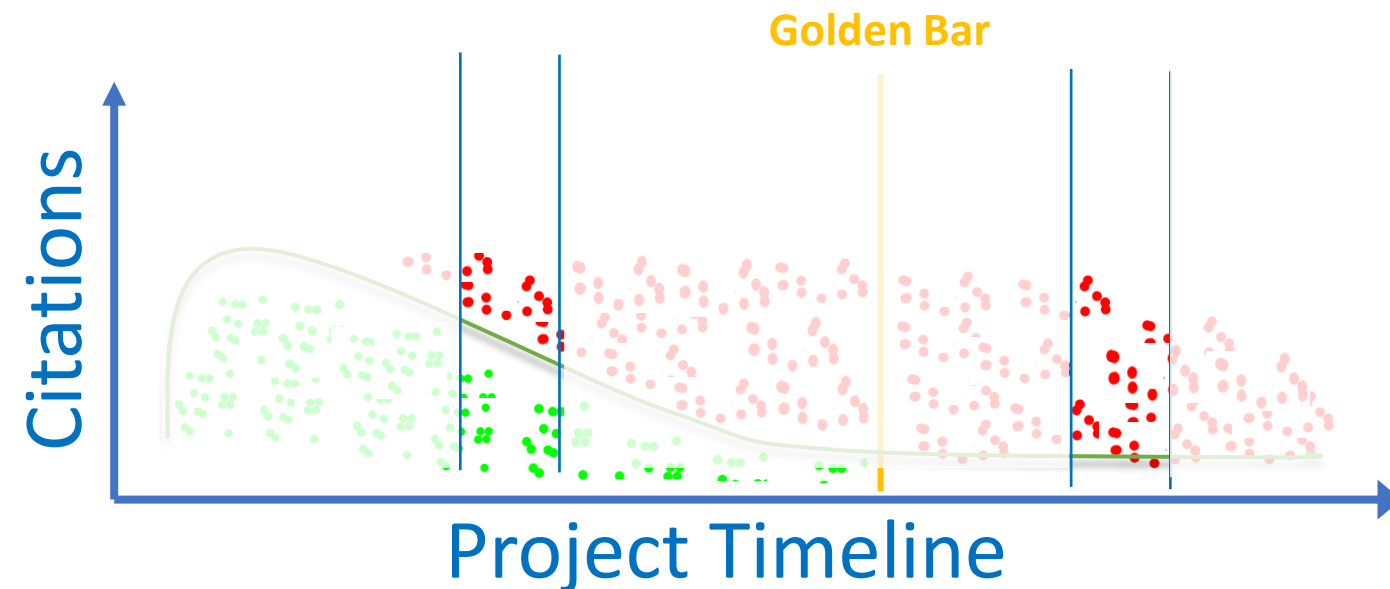
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Project Timeline

Screening Using Prediction (Machine Learning)

- Citations are sorted with most likely “include” first
- Users can confirm the model is working for that project
- At the golden bar moment, users can reduce the resources



Screening can immediately help refine the inclusion/ exclusion criteria

Study Type Classification: Proceeding with Caution

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[Caseworker-assigned discharge plans to prevent hospital readmission for acute exacerbations in children with chronic respiratory illness.](#)

Authors: Hall Kerry K, Petsky Helen L, Chang Anne B, O'Grady KerryAnn F
Published on: 02 Nov 2018 Publication: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
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BACKGROUND: Chronic respiratory conditions are major causes of **mortality** and **morbidity**. **Children with chronic health** conditions have increased **morbidity** associated with their physical, emotional, and general well-being. Acute respiratory exacerbations (AREs) are **common in children with chronic** respiratory disease, often requiring admission to hospital. Reducing the frequency of AREs and recurrent hospitalisations is therefore an important goal in the individual and public **health management of chronic respiratory illnesses in children**. Discharge planning is used to decide what a person needs for **transition** from one level of care to another and is

Article Analysis:

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- Study Design: Qualitative studies

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[Voices not heard: a systematic review of adolescents' and emerging adults' perspectives of health care transition.](#) [Review]

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BACKGROUND: A better understanding of the needs of **adolescents and emerging adults with special health care needs** (AEA-SHCNs) is essential to provide **health care transition** services that represent best practices. The purpose of this systematic review was to evaluate the research on **health care transition** for AEA-SHCNs from

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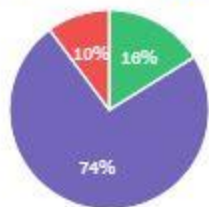
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Usability testing of an online transition program for adolescents with hemophilia

Authors: Breakey VR, Warias A, Ignas DM, Blanchette VS, Stinson J. Published on: 2012. Publication: Haemophilia Volume (Issue): 18. Journal: Journal DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2516.2012.02778.x

Aim: To explore the usability of a new Internet-based educational program of information, self-management strategies and social support for adolescents with hemophilia. **Methods:** An extensive educational website, "Teens Taking Charge: Managing Hemophilia Online" was developed based on results of an in-depth needs assessment. A purposive sample of adolescents was recruited from two tertiary care centers to assess the usability of the online program in English and French. The website was tested for usability, using qualitative methods that included semi-structured interviews and observation by a trained observer. Testing occurred iteratively, with changes to the prototype made after each cycle. Thematic analysis using a collaborative and iterative process was used to organize data into categories that reflected the emerging themes. **Results:** Eighteen participants tested the website in three cycles (age range 12-18 years, mean 15.4 years). All had access to a computer at home and felt comfortable using the Internet. Teens responded positively to the content, appearance and theme of the website. Overall, they felt that it was easy to navigate, use and understand. The multimedia components (videos, animations and quizzes) were felt to enrich the experience. Adolescents provided ideas on how the website user-interface could be improved. Minor changes to the website user-interface were made after the first and second cycles of testing in English. Cycle three was done in French and resulted in several additional changes. At the teens' suggestion, additional social media elements were added (discussion board, "ask the expert" section) to increase interactivity. Most participants felt this program would be helpful prior to transition of care and beyond. **Conclusions:** Usability testing was the crucial first step in ensuring the acceptability and ease of use of this internet-based self-management program. A pilot study is currently underway to determine the feasibility of a randomized controlled trial to assess the online tool.

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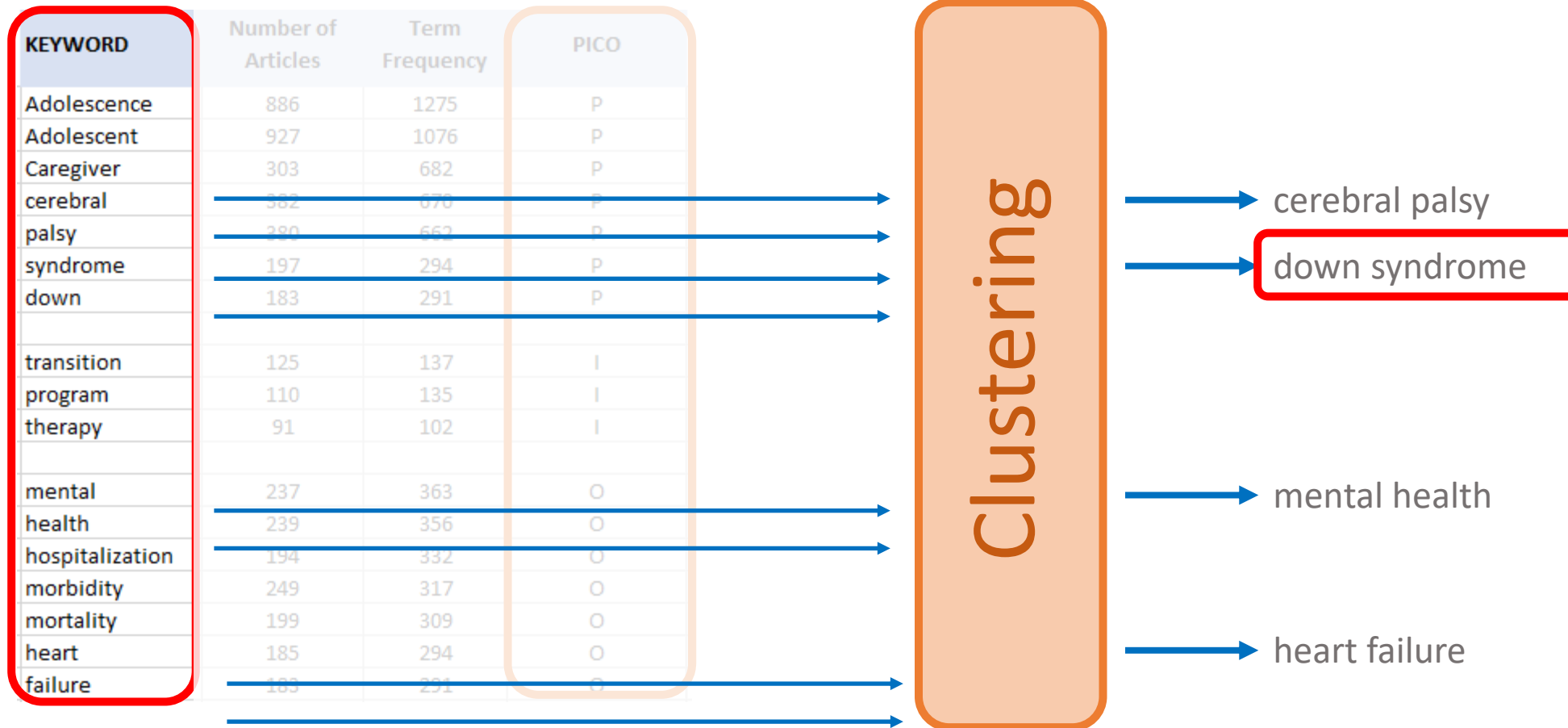
Breakey_2011_CN-01005255

Usability testing of an online transition program for adolescents with hemophilia

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Objective: This study explored the usability of a new Internet-based educational program of disease-specific information, self-management strategies and social support for adolescents with hemophilia. **Methods:** A comprehensive eight-module educational website was developed, based on results of an in-depth needs assessment. The website was tested for usability, using qualitative methods that included semi-structured interviews and observation by a trained observer. To determine the usability and intuitiveness of the user interface of the "Teens Taking Charge: Managing Hemophilia Online" intervention, testing occurred in three cycles (4 participants per cycle). Participants were asked to provide feedback on the standardized parts/features of the program, with changes to the prototype made after each cycle. Thematic analysis using a collaborative and iterative process was used to organize data into categories that reflected the emerging themes. **Results:** A purposive sample of twelve adolescents (range 12-18 years, mean 15.4 years) was recruited from a Canadian tertiary care center. All of the participants had access to a computer at home and felt comfortable using the Internet. Teens responded positively to the content, appearance and theme of the website (promoting self-management in youth with hemophilia). Subjects thought that it was easy to navigate, use and understand. Overall, they felt the content was appropriate and geared to meet the unique needs of adolescents with hemophilia. The multi-media components (videos, animations and quizzes) were thought to enrich the experience and make the program appealing. Adolescents provided ideas on how the website user-interface could be improved in terms of its usability (navigation, format and layout). Minor changes to the website user-interface were made and tested after the first and second cycles of testing. No further problems were identified in final cycle of testing. At the teens' suggestion, additional social media elements were added (discussion board, "ask the expert" section) to build in elements of support and increase interactivity. Most participants felt this program would be helpful prior to transition of care and beyond. **Conclusions:** Usability testing was the crucial first step in ensuring the acceptability and ease of use of "Teens Taking Charge: Managing Hemophilia Online". Findings from this study were used to refine the website prototype. A pilot study is underway to determine the feasibility of using a randomized controlled trial to study the Internet-based self-management program.

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[Transition to adulthood for young people with intellectual disability: the experiences of their families](#)

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Whilst the transition from school to adult roles can be challenging for any **adolescent**, for those with an **intellectual disability** it can present as a particularly difficult time both for the individual and their family . The process may involve coordinated planning, collaboration and decision-making among school staff, families and community agencies . This mixed-methods study utilised information from two cohorts: **young people with Down syndrome** in Western Australia (n = 190) and **young people with intellectual disability** (of any cause) in Queensland, **Australia** (n = 150). The **parent-report questionnaires** administered in both states comprised two parts: part 1 collected information about the individual with **intellectual disability** including information on health, functioning and service needs, and about specific transition related issues; and part 2 collected information about the health and well-being of their family . The majority (87 %) of parents said that they were involved in decision-making about transition planning but less than two-thirds (59.5 %) of **young people** were involved in this process . The three most helpful strategies indicated by parents that assisted with transition planning related to the provision of more information about financial assistance, the school transition program and the building of informal community-based supports . A number of themes emerged from the qualitative data which included parents' views and concerns about the capacity of their **young adult** to adapt and change to life in adulthood, their difficulty navigating services and programs, issues and challenges around their **young person** building connectedness, strain on family wellbeing and finances and worry about the longer term future.

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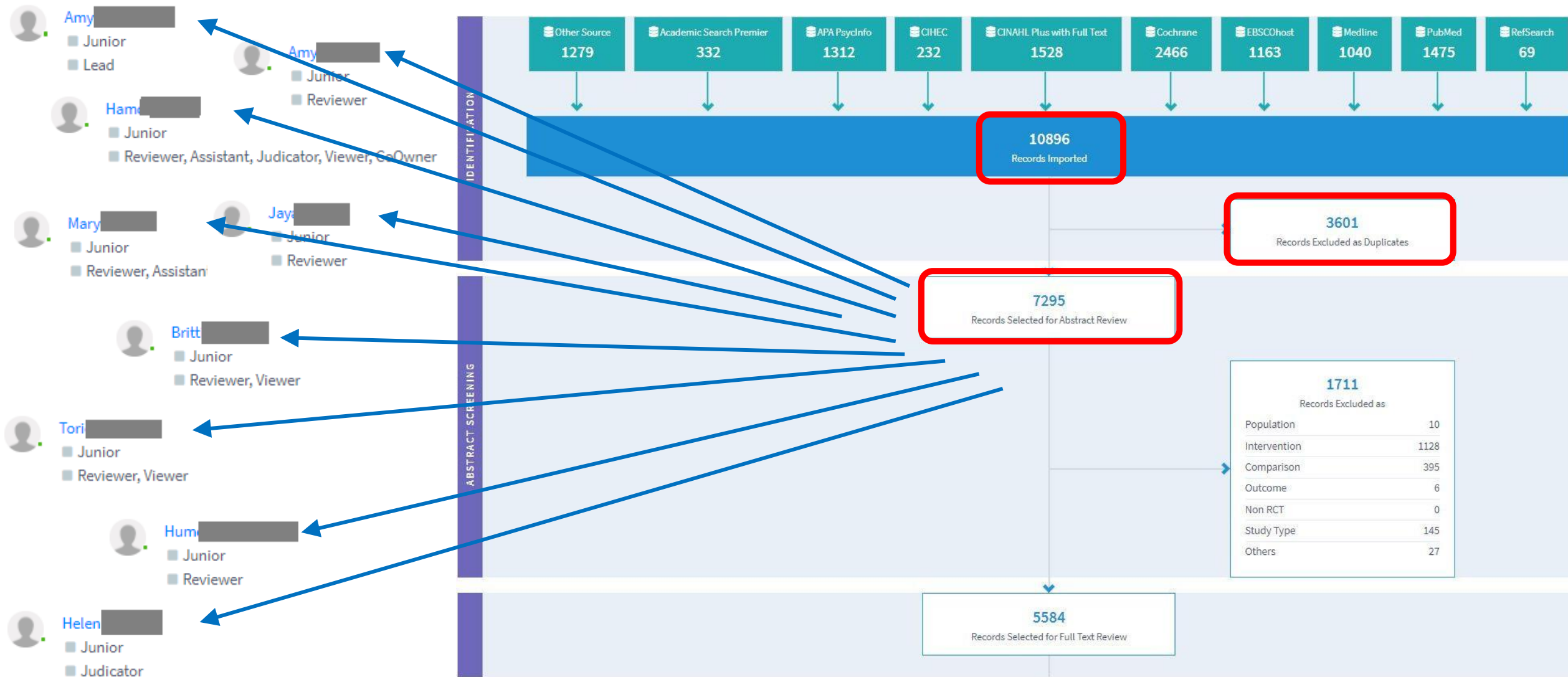
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