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37 **Abstract:**  
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39 **Introduction:**  
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42 Hemorrhage remains the leading cause of preventable death in trauma. Damage control  
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44 non-compressible torso injuries use different techniques to limit blood flow from the  
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46 - ‘REBOA’ - is regaining momentum recently as an adjunct measure that can provide the  
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3 comprehensive understanding of the existing literature on REBOA. The objective is to  
4 analyze evidence and non-evidence-based medical reports and to describe current gaps in  
5 the literature about the best indication and implementation strategies for REBOA.  
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### 10 **Methods and Analysis:**

11 Using the five-stage framework of Arksey and O'Malley's scoping review methodology  
12 as a guide, we will perform a systematic search in the following databases: MEDLINE,  
13 EMBASE, BIOSIS, COCHRANE CENTRAL, PUBMED and SCOPUS from the earliest  
14 available dates till January 15, 2018. The aim is to identify diverse studies related to the  
15 topic of REBOA. For a comprehensive search, we will explore organizational websites,  
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40 **Keywords:** Balloon occlusion of the Aorta – REBOA – therapeutic aortic occlusion -  
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## Article Summary

### **Strengths and limitations of this study**

- This scoping review is a novel review approach applied for the first time to this topic and will offer an overarching picture on the variety of clinical indications, application, and implementation of REBOA.
- Findings will have implications on researchers for recognizing the pearls, pitfalls, and contextual variations in implementation strategies.
- This review will comprise broad inclusion criteria (peer review journal and Grey literature) without assessing the quality of the articles included which gives the breadth and comprehensiveness of the research protocol while respecting the scoping review guidelines
- Findings will be limited to articles written in English
- Contacts of researchers and experts for additional complementary information will be limited

## **Introduction**

Mortality resulting from hemorrhage remains the leading cause of preventable death. In the case of an abdominal trauma with exsanguinating - life-threatening - injuries, laparotomy followed by rapid abdominal aortic clamping has been an important initial step to prevent hemorrhagic death. Recently, there has been a movement towards less invasive techniques to manage non-compressible hemorrhage, such as resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta (REBOA). The actual concept of endovascular aortic occlusion for transient hemorrhagic control is not new. This technique was originally reported in 1954 by Lieutenant Colonel Carl W. Hughes who performed the procedure on two critically ill soldiers <sup>1</sup>. Although both patients did not survive, the potential of its use as a resuscitative measure was proven. Later on, a study comparing REBOA to the standard method of laparotomy and abdominal aortic clamping revealed a higher survival rate amongst the REBOA group <sup>2</sup>. However, it is important to note that REBOA is not a permanent solution; rather it is a temporary hemodynamic stabilization of the patient prior to surgical management. A recent systematic review examining the outcomes of REBOA in the literature discusses the importance of a maximum aortic occlusion time of 60 minutes. This study also draws attention to the fact

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3 that most studies report on mortality outcomes with little information on the occlusion  
4 zone and complications <sup>3</sup>.

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8 Our scoping review will provide a snapshot of the old and current, evidenced and non-  
9 evidenced based guidelines used in REBOA. It will identify empirical facts that inform  
10 researchers on the current practices of REBOA and possible gaps in knowledge. The  
11 primary objective of this research is to map the available evidence on the techniques and  
12 protocols of REBOA found in peer reviewed and Grey literature. Additionally, this  
13 scoping review will contribute to defining the challenges of implementation, as well as  
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### 28 **Methods and Analysis:**

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31 To the authors' best knowledge, there is no existing published evaluation of the new  
32 generation of REBOA catheter in the trauma settings, which make a scoping review  
33 interestingly pertinent to this topic area. This scoping review follows the scoping review  
34 framework developed by Arksey and O'Malley <sup>4</sup>, which has been enhanced further by  
35 Levac et al. <sup>5</sup> and Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) <sup>6</sup>. The results will be reported following  
36 the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis for Protocols  
37 (PRISMA-P) guidelines <sup>7</sup>. This method includes the following five steps: (1) identifying  
38 the research question; (2) identifying relevant studies balancing breadth and  
39 comprehensiveness; (3) study selection using an iterative team approach; (4) charting the  
40 data; and (5) collating, summarizing and reporting the results as they relate to the study  
41 purpose and implications of the study findings for policy, practice, and research.  
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## Stage 1- identifying the research question

Based on our described objectives, this primary review seeks to identify the following parameters:

- Benefits of REBOA – What are the clear indications, pitfalls, and advantages of its use compared to other available modalities?
- Application of REBOA – Which selective population will benefit the most from its application through comprehensively designed algorithms?
- Implementation of REBOA – What are the challenges of the adoption of the technique into the armamentarium of advanced trauma centers? Special attention will be paid to the credentialing, quality indicators, and competency assessment parameters.

In addition, emphasis will be focused on the following points:

1. Mapping the existing literature on REBOA technique
2. Identifying features needed for the successful implementation of REBOA into trauma programs
3. Clarifying the important variables necessary for the evaluation of the technique, its outcome, and its efficacy
4. Reporting the complications and long-term outcomes associated with REBOA
5. Identifying areas for future development

We hypothesized that the current literature could be categorized in order to identify critical knowledge gaps and help in guiding future research activities.

## Stage 2- Identifying relevant studies

A comprehensive review was developed with the help of an experienced health sciences



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3 librarian at the University of McGill using specific Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)  
4 terms and keywords related to REBOA to capture the relevant literature accurately. The  
5 search strategy follows the three-step approach recommended by JBI scoping review  
6 guidelines <sup>5</sup>. The search was initially conducted using Medline electronic database and  
7 saved to ensure reproducibility of the search results (Table 1). Second, we will identify  
8 relevant related terms and keywords (“balloon occlusion”, “embolization, therapeutic”,  
9 “therapeutic occlusion”, “aorta”, “aorta occlusion”, or “artificial embolization”,  
10 combined with “resuscitation”, as well as “REBOA”). The quest will be supplemented by  
11 a vast grey literature search through Google Scholar, organizational websites of various  
12 relevant organizations, our institutional database, conference abstract or reviews to  
13 identify any related studies. Finally, we will screen the bibliography of selected articles to  
14 identify articles relevant to this scoping review. We will frequently seek feedback from  
15 our research team to refine our search strategy, and we will contact authors of relevant  
16 primary studies or reviews for further information if needed. We will also assess the  
17 quality of our search protocol using the PRESS 2015 Evidence-based checklist guidelines  
18 <sup>8</sup>. All references will be imported into an online bibliographic management program  
19 (EndNote<sup>R</sup> Library) ensuring the removal of duplicates. We will also report the search  
20 strategy for the databases in the online supplementary appendix as outlined in a Preferred  
21 Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) statement <sup>9</sup>.

### 22 **Stage 3- Study Selection:**

23 Two independent reviewers (TP & YB) will apply a two-step approach screening to  
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11 percent) will be screened by the second reviewer (OB) to ensure a consistent application  
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#### 24 **Inclusion criteria:**

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26 The inclusion criteria are formulated based on the ‘Population- Intervention- Comparison  
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28 - Outcome (PICO)’ framework - recommended by Schardt, C et al. to improve searching  
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30 PubMed for clinical questions <sup>10</sup>.  
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#### 33 **Exclusion criteria:**

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35 The following were excluded:  
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- 38 1. Studies describing the outcomes of REBOA use in non-trauma cases.
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46 Inclusions and exclusions criteria are summarized in table 2.  
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#### 48 **Stage 4- Data Charting**

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50 The research team will develop a data-charting form (Table 3). Since a scoping review  
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54 studies will include general information about each article such as author, publication  
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3 year, country, study purpose, settings, methodology, outcomes, key findings, reported  
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8 In addition, we will extract information specific to areas of REBOA indication and  
9 protocol implementation. Data will include the topic of the article, the type of study  
10 (review, commentary, primary research), paper design and study settings. The data  
11 charting form will be refined during the full-text screening to capture all pertinent  
12 information from each study. Articles that meet the eligibility criteria will be organized in  
13 data charting form using Microsoft Excel database. Three reviewers (TP, YB & OB) will  
14 pilot the data extraction form to answer the relevant research question.  
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### 26 **Stage 5- Synthesizing**

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28 The fifth stage described by Arksey and O'Malley framework<sup>8</sup> for collating and  
29 summarizing data will involve a descriptive numerical summary. We will summarize the  
30 quantitative data in a table outlining the overall number of studies, countries, topics, type,  
31 year of publication, and study designs. Next, we will organize, stratify and analyze the  
32 themes identified from all studies. Our research team will constantly refine the data  
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### 45 **Ethics and Dissemination:**

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**Table 1. Search Strategy developed for MEDLINE using PICO Frame**

Identify key concepts and provide synonyms of the following:

<p><b><u>Population:</u></b> Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta (REBOA) procedure data</p>
<p><b><u>Intervention:</u></b> Data collected on the implementation of REBOA, complications, and</p>

the variables used to evaluate its efficacy
<u>Comparison:</u> Successful REBOA performance and implementation versus non-successful
<u>Outcomes:</u> Identify key features needed to implement the REBOA technique, and identify important variables to collect in order to evaluate its efficacy.

**Table 2. Inclusion and exclusion criteria**

<b>Inclusion criteria</b>	<b>Exclusion criteria</b>
<i>Studies describing the implementation of REBOA at the facility level</i>	<i>Studies describing the outcomes of REBOA use in non-trauma cases such as orthopedic and post-partum hemorrhage</i>
<i>Studies reviewing the outcomes of REBOA use in trauma care including</i>	<i>Studies describing the use of REBOA in the setting of limb amputation or solely for orthopedic indications</i>
<i>Studies describing REBOA use in trauma and emergency medicine</i>	<i>Pediatric studies</i>
<i>Studies reporting complications of REBOA usage</i>	<i>Animal studies</i>
<i>Studies reporting junctional bleeding at the groin level</i>	<i>Elective procedures</i>
<i>Studies reporting REBOA insertion in zones one and three</i>	
<i>Studies describing REBOA use in non-compressive hemorrhage</i>	

**Table 3. Draft Charting form**

Study Characteristics	First Author last name Publication year Country
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	<p>Topic</p> <p>Purpose</p> <p>Publication type</p> <p>Study Design</p> <p>Institutional academic status</p> <p>Funding</p>
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Mechanism and severity	<p>Mechanism</p> <p>ISS – Injury Severity Score</p> <p>Injury location</p> <p>Type of injury</p> <p>Subsequent surgical procedure</p> <p>Operation Performed</p>
Major Outcome	<p>Blood and blood product use</p> <p>Follow Up</p> <p>Complications</p> <p>Incidence of complications</p> <p>Type of complications</p> <p>Mortality</p> <p>Cause of death</p>



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34 medical reports and to describe current gaps in the literature about the best indication  
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51 Using the five-stage framework of Arksey and O'Malley's scoping review  
52 methodology as a guide, we will perform a systematic search in the following  
53 databases: MEDLINE, EMBASE, BIOSIS, COCHRANE CENTRAL, PUBMED and  
54 SCOPUS from the earliest available publications. The aim is to identify diverse  
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3 studies related to the topic of REBOA. For a comprehensive search, we will explore  
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8 Data will be charted and sorted using a descriptive analytical approach.  
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10 **Ethics and Dissemination:**

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16 through presentations at local, national, clinical and medical education conferences  
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18 and through publication in a peer-reviewed journal.  
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22 **Keywords:** Balloon occlusion of the Aorta – REBOA – therapeutic aortic occlusion -  
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## **Article Summary**

### **Strengths and limitations of this study**

- This scoping review is a novel review approach applied for the first time to this topic and will offer an overarching picture on the variety of clinical indications, application, and implementation of REBOA.
- Findings will have implications on researchers for recognizing the pearls, pitfalls, and contextual variations in implementation strategies.
- This review will comprise broad inclusion criteria (peer review journal and Grey literature) without assessing the quality of the articles included, which gives the breadth and comprehensiveness of the research protocol while respecting the scoping review guidelines
- Scoping reviews are primarily descriptive in nature, and therefore quantitative data analyses are considered to be one of the relevant limitations
- Findings will be limited to articles written in English
- Contacts of researchers and experts for additional complementary information will be limited

## **Introduction**

Mortality resulting from hemorrhage remains the leading cause of preventable death. In the case of an abdominal trauma with exsanguinating - life-threatening - injuries, laparotomy followed by rapid abdominal aortic clamping has been an important initial step to prevent hemorrhagic death. Recently, there has been a movement towards less invasive techniques to manage non-compressible hemorrhage, such as resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta (REBOA). The actual concept of endovascular aortic occlusion for transient hemorrhagic control is not new. This technique was originally reported in 1954 by Lieutenant Colonel Carl W. Hughes who performed the procedure on two critically ill soldiers <sup>1</sup>. Although both patients did not survive, the potential of its use as a resuscitative measure was proven. Later on, a study comparing REBOA to the standard method of laparotomy and abdominal aortic clamping revealed a higher survival rate amongst the REBOA group <sup>2</sup>. However, it is important to note that REBOA is not a permanent solution; rather it is a temporary hemodynamic stabilization of the patient prior to surgical management. A recent systematic review examining the outcomes of REBOA in the literature discusses the importance of a maximum aortic occlusion time of 60 minutes. This study also draws attention to the fact that most studies report on mortality outcomes with little information on the occlusion zone and complications <sup>3</sup>.

Our scoping review will provide a snapshot of the old and current, evidenced and non-evidenced based guidelines used in REBOA. It will identify empirical facts that inform researchers on the current practices of REBOA and possible gaps in knowledge. The primary objective of this research is to map the available evidence on the techniques and protocols of REBOA found in peer reviewed and Grey literature. Additionally, this scoping review will contribute to defining the challenges

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### 7 **Methods and Analysis:**

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19 To the authors' best knowledge, there is no existing published evaluation of the new  
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21 generation of REBOA catheter in the trauma settings, which make a scoping review  
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25 following databases: MEDLINE, EMBASE, BIOSIS, COCHRANE CENTRAL,  
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29 collection was January 2018. End date of the study is November 2018.. This scoping  
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31 review follows the scoping review framework developed by Arksey and O'Malley <sup>4</sup>,  
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33 which has been enhanced further by Levac et al. <sup>5</sup> and Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) <sup>6</sup>.  
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37 Reviews and Meta-Analysis for Protocols (PRISMA-P) guidelines <sup>7</sup>. This method  
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39 includes the following five steps: (1) identifying the research question; (2) identifying  
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43 an iterative team approach; (4) charting the data; and (5) collating, summarizing and  
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#### 53 **Stage 1- identifying the research question**

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55 Based on our described objectives, this primary review seeks to identify the following  
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- 3 • Benefits of REBOA – What are the clear indications, pitfalls, and advantages
- 4 of its use compared to other available modalities?
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- 8 • Application of REBOA – Which selective population will benefit the most
- 9 from its application through comprehensively designed algorithms?
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- 12 • Implementation of REBOA – What are the challenges of the adoption of the
- 13 technique into the armamentarium of advanced trauma centers? Special
- 14 attention will be paid to the credentialing, quality indicators, and competency
- 15 assessment parameters.
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22 In addition, emphasis will be focused on the following points:

- 23 1. Mapping the existing literature on REBOA technique
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- 25 2. Identifying features needed for the successful implementation of REBOA into
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- 28 3. Clarifying the important variables necessary for the evaluation of the
- 29 technique, its outcome, and its efficacy
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- 31 4. Reporting the complications and long-term outcomes associated with REBOA
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- 33 5. Identifying areas for future development
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40 We hypothesized that the current literature could be categorized in order to identify

41 critical knowledge gaps and help in guiding future research activities.

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### 45 **Stage 2- Identifying relevant studies**

46 A comprehensive review was developed with the help of an experienced health

47 sciences librarian at the University of McGill using specific Medical Subject

48 Headings (MeSH) terms and keywords related to REBOA to capture the relevant

49 literature accurately. The search strategy follows the three-step approach

50 recommended by JBI scoping review guidelines<sup>5</sup>. The search was initially conducted

51 using Medline electronic database and saved to ensure reproducibility of the search

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3 results (Table 1). Second, we identified relevant related terms and keywords (“balloon  
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18 relevant to this scoping review. We will frequently seek feedback from our research  
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20 team to refine our search strategy, and we will contact authors of relevant primary  
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22 studies or reviews for further information if needed. We will also assess the quality of  
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24 our search protocol using the PRESS 2015 Evidence-based checklist guidelines <sup>8</sup>. All  
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26 references will be imported into an online bibliographic management program  
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### 40 **Stage 3- Study Selection:**

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42 Two independent reviewers (TP & YB) will apply a two-step approach screening to  
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44 determine the eligibility of articles according to their inclusion and exclusion criteria.  
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46 The eligibility criteria will be developed in consensus by the research team and serve  
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48 as a filter for relevant sources. The first step will consist of a title and abstract scan  
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50 and the second will entail a full-text review of all identified citations from step one.  
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3 consistent application of the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the review.  
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9 reviewer (AB) if no agreement is reached.  
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### 11 **Inclusion criteria:**

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13 The inclusion criteria are formulated based on the 'Population- Intervention-  
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15 Comparison - Outcome (PICO)' framework - recommended by Schardt, C et al. to  
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17 improve searching PubMed for clinical questions <sup>10</sup>.  
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### 20 **Exclusion criteria:**

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22 The following were excluded:  
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31 Inclusions and exclusions criteria are summarized in table 2.  
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### 33 **Stage 4- Data Charting**

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35 The research team will develop a data-charting form (Table 3). Since a scoping  
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37 review aims to provide a comprehensive view of the literature, data extracted from  
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39 relevant studies will include general information about each article such as author,  
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41 publication year, country, study purpose, settings, methodology, outcomes, key  
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43 findings, reported challenges and limitations.  
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47 In addition, we will extract information specific to areas of REBOA indication and  
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49 protocol implementation. Data will include the topic of the article, the type of study  
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51 (review, commentary, primary research), paper design and study settings. The data  
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53 charting form will be refined during the full-text screening to capture all pertinent  
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55 information from each study. Articles that meet the eligibility criteria will be  
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57 organized in data charting form using Microsoft Excel database. Three reviewers (TP,  
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3 YB & OB) will pilot the data extraction form to answer the relevant research  
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### 7 **Stage 5- Synthesizing**

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12 summarizing data will involve a descriptive numerical summary. We will summarize  
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16 topics, type, year of publication, and study designs. Next, we will organize, stratify  
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18 and analyze the themes identified from all studies. Our research team will constantly  
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### 23 **Ethics and Dissemination:**

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28 relation to the topic of REBOA. We anticipate that the results will identify the  
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30 different modalities of the application of REBOA through designated trauma centers.  
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**Table 1. Search Strategy developed for MEDLINE using PICO Frame**

Identify key concepts and provide synonyms of the following:

<u>Population:</u> Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta (REBOA) procedure data
<u>Intervention:</u> Data collected on the implementation of REBOA, complications, and the variables used to evaluate its efficacy
<u>Comparison:</u> Successful REBOA performance and implementation versus non-successful
<u>Outcomes:</u> Identify key features needed to implement the REBOA technique, and identify important variables to collect in order to evaluate its efficacy.

**Table 2. Inclusion and exclusion criteria**

<b>Inclusion criteria</b>	<b>Exclusion criteria</b>
Studies describing the implementation of REBOA at the facility level	Cadaveric studies
Studies reviewing the outcomes of REBOA use in trauma care including	Animal studies
Studies describing REBOA use in trauma and emergency medicine	
Studies reporting complications of REBOA usage	
Studies reporting junctional bleeding at the groin level	
Studies reporting REBOA insertion in zones one and three	
Studies describing REBOA use in non-compressive hemorrhage	

**Table 3. Draft Charting form**

Study Characteristics	First Author last name Publication year Country Topic Purpose Publication type Study Design Institutional academic status Funding
Technical Analysis	Location of insertion Catheter size Time to deployment Artery accessed Type of access Guided insertion Type of guidance Zone of deployment Imaging to confirm the position Volume Partial occlusion Intermittent occlusion Occlusion time Deflation time Time of sheath removal Location of sheath removal CFA repair CFA imaging Training level of performer Accredited course vs. peer training Credentials of performer Specialty of performer
Mechanism and severity	Mechanism ISS – Injury Severity Score Injury location Type of injury Subsequent surgical procedure Operation Performed
Major Outcome	Blood and blood product use Follow Up Complications Incidence of complications Type of complications Mortality Cause of death

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