Appendix 1: PRISMA-P 2015 Checklist

Section/topic	#	Checklist item	Information reported		Line				
			Yes	No	number(s)				
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION									
Title									
Identification	1a	Identify the report as a protocol of a systematic review			1				
Update	1b	If the protocol is for an update of a previous systematic review, identify as such			N/A				
Registration	2	If registered, provide the name of the registry (e.g., PROSPERO) and registration number in the Abstract			N/A				
Authors									
Contact	3a	Provide name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of all protocol authors; provide physical mailing address of corresponding author			3-15				
Contributions	3b	Describe contributions of protocol authors and identify the guarantor of the review			213-222				
Amendments	4	If the protocol represents an amendment of a previously completed or published protocol, identify as such and list changes; otherwise, state plan for documenting important protocol amendments			N/A				
Support									
Sources	5a	Indicate sources of financial or other support for the review			223-230				
Sponsor	5b	Provide name for the review funder and/or sponsor			223-230				
Role of sponsor/funder	5c	Describe roles of funder(s), sponsor(s), and/or institution(s), if any, in developing the protocol			223-230				
INTRODUCTION									
Rationale	6	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known			74-119				
Objectives	7	Provide an explicit statement of the question(s) the review will address with reference to participants, interventions, comparators, and outcomes (PICO)			129-133				
METHODS									
Eligibility criteria	8	Specify the study characteristics (e.g., PICO, study design, setting, time frame) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) to be used as criteria for eligibility for the review			138-150				
Information sources	9	Describe all intended information sources (e.g., electronic databases, contact with study authors, trial registers, or other grey literature sources) with planned dates of coverage			153-155				
Search strategy	10	Present draft of search strategy to be used for at least one electronic database, including planned limits, such that it could be repeated			162				
STUDY RECORDS									
Data management	11a	Describe the mechanism(s) that will be used to manage records and data throughout the review			199-202				

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Selection process	11b	State the process that will be used for selecting studies (e.g., two independent reviewers) through each phase of the review (i.e., screening, eligibility, and inclusion in meta-analysis)			169-173			
Data collection process	11c	Describe planned method of extracting data from reports (e.g., piloting forms, done independently, in duplicate), any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators			199-202			
Data items	12	List and define all variables for which data will be sought (e.g., PICO items, funding sources), any preplanned data assumptions and simplifications			182-193			
Outcomes and prioritization	13	List and define all outcomes for which data will be sought, including prioritization of main and additional outcomes, with rationale			191-198			
Risk of bias in individual studies	14	Describe anticipated methods for assessing risk of bias of individual studies, including whether this will be done at the outcome or study level, or both; state how this information will be used in data synthesis			174-178			
DATA								
Synthesis	15a	Describe criteria under which study data will be quantitatively synthesized			N/A			
	15b	If data are appropriate for quantitative synthesis, describe planned summary measures, methods of handling data, and methods of combining data from studies, including any planned exploration of consistency (e.g., <i>I</i> ² , Kendall's tau)			181-201			
	15c	Describe any proposed additional analyses (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression)						
	15d	If quantitative synthesis is not appropriate, describe the type of summary planned			199-201			
Meta-bias(es)	16	Specify any planned assessment of meta-bias(es) (e.g., publication bias across studies, selective reporting within studies)			174-178			
Confidence in cumulative evidence	17	Describe how the strength of the body of evidence will be assessed (e.g., GRADE)			177			