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## ABSTRACT

**Objective** Little is known about the involvement of stakeholders in reviews of health services research and therefore, the extent and details of their engagement were assessed in systematic and rapid reviews.

**Design** A cross-sectional study

**Search strategy** Four databases (Ovid Medline, Embase, the Cochrane databases of systematic reviews and of other reviews) were searched based on a pre-defined protocol. Targeting health services research, four groups of reviews (systematic reviews (SR), Cochrane systematic reviews (Cochrane SR), rapid reviews (RR) and rapid reviews of the Cochrane database (CD RR) were retrieved between January, 2011 and October, 2015. A sample of 30 reviews for each group was randomly selected resulting in a total of 120 reviews. The standardized data extraction form assessed general and reporting characteristics of included reviews including quality assessment with AMSTAR and nine variables targeting stakeholder involvement.

**Results** From a total of 57,822 articles, 533 (0.9%) were Cochrane SRs, 56,986 (98.5%) SRs, 208 (0.4%) RRs and 95 (0.2%) CD RRs. Overall, 43% (13/30) of SRs and 43% (13/30) of RRs based on a study protocol. Potential conflicts of interests remained unmentioned in 40% (12/30) and 27% (8/30) of SRs and RRs, respectively. We found stakeholder involvement in 13% (4/30) of Cochrane SRs, 20% (6/30) of SRs, 40% (13/30) of RRs and 93% (28/30) of CD RRs. Overall, 33% (17/51) of the responding contact authors mentioned unspecified positive effects of stakeholder involvement.

**Conclusion** RRs and CD RRs involved stakeholders more than twice as frequently than SRs and Cochrane SRs, and they included them in more diverse ways. SRs often targeted decision-makers as audience but rarely involved them directly. Stakeholder engagement was not general practice in either review type (excepted for CD RRs). Especially for SRs, there is still a great potential to improve reporting as well as to engage stakeholders.

**Keywords:** stakeholder, coproduction, systematic review, rapid review, evidence

## STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS STUDY

- A systematic approach to assess coproduction and stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews was used to fill the gap and to provide an overview of the current situation.
- The broad and joint assessment of reporting and stakeholder characteristics for two review formats supports the understanding of the current strategies used and informs future approaches to facilitate integrated knowledge translation.
- With the scope of this study being restricted to health services research we intended to focus on a best-case approach where the context is considered most important and therefore, stakeholder involvement might be most regularly, but the overall findings might not be applicable beyond this domain.
- The majority of studies were from higher-income countries limiting the generalizability beyond this setting.
- The perception and the reporting of stakeholders might be influenced by the lack of a uniform definition of stakeholders and depend on the criteria used.

## INTRODUCTION

Evidence synthesis remains a rapidly growing field. There are different methodological approaches and formats depending on the research question and the intended use of the review, such as scoping, systematic or rapid reviews as well as realist syntheses, policy briefs and health technology assessments. A traditional full systematic review (SR) is a review that “attempts to collate all empirical evidence and that fits pre-specified eligibility criteria in order to answer a specific, usually narrow research question or intervention”.<sup>[1]</sup> However, due to their strict regulations in methodology, they require considerable skills and take between 6 months and 2 years to complete.<sup>[2]</sup> It has been estimated that researchers conducting a SR need to invest an average of 1,139 hours (range 216-2,518 hours) and a minimum of 100,000 U.S. dollars.<sup>[3]</sup>

Within SRs, Cochrane full systematic reviews (Cochrane SRs) were established as “gold standard” in knowledge synthesis. Jadad et al. compared Cochrane SRs to other published SRs and found that Cochrane SRs were more likely to be updated. Furthermore, they were found to be less prone to bias due to greater transparency in reporting as well as due to the quality criteria used, such as the risk of bias assessment.<sup>[4]</sup> As a result of their comparison of systematic reviews, Page et al. concluded that the reporting of Cochrane SRs was the most complete one.<sup>[5]</sup> Hopewell et al. described that the inclusion of grey literature routinely performed in Cochrane SRs limited publication bias and provided more conservative treatment effects compared to SR without including grey literature.<sup>[6]</sup>

Rapid reviews (RRs) are characterized by a less complex research question and aim to synthesize evidence within a shorter time period, with time frames ranging from one week to nine months.<sup>[7, 8]</sup> They might, therefore, be prone to be of lower validity as a consequence of accelerating and streamlining the review process.<sup>[7]</sup> However, in response to an increasing

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3 demand from end-users, RRs are being performed more frequently than before.[8] Only few  
4 formal definitions of different RRs exist and few studies have examined their methodology.[2] To  
5 contribute to fill this gap, the Cochrane Rapid Reviews Method Group was established in 2015.  
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8 Gannan et al. described a lack of transparency and great variability in terms of methods  
9 employed in many RRs.[7] Tricco et al. observed, that there was little coherence in the  
10 terminology of RRs, as only 34% of the reviews matching the RR working definition were  
11 actually described as “rapid review”. Other, less frequently used terms included “rapid evidence  
12 assessment” (11%), “rapid systematic review” (10%), “health technology assessment” (6%) and  
13 “rapid health technology assessment” (6%).[2] Within the Cochrane databases (CD), other  
14 reviews, such as the Dare reviews (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects) or health  
15 technology assessments form special groups, partially including rapid reviews (CD RRs). RRs  
16 target specific audiences including government policymakers, health care institutions, health  
17 professionals and patient associations and research questions are often tailored to these end-  
18 users.[9, 10] Thus, they often involve stakeholders, such as consumers, policymakers or health  
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34 Stakeholder as a very broad term may include anyone affected by an issue and/or  
35 anyone who can provide input on the topic.[11, 12] The involvement of stakeholders in health  
36 research may not only direct the research question but also influences the quality,  
37 dissemination and contextualisation of the study results and therefore, contributes to the  
38 sustainability of health systems.[13-15] We especially focused on stakeholder involvement  
39 among health services research, where the context of conducted studies is most important, and  
40 we expected this to be the research field where stakeholders are involved most regularly.  
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### 50 **Study aim**

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52 To date, little is known about the extent and the characteristics of involved stakeholders  
53 in SRs and RRs and there have been few efforts to measure the specific benefits and  
54 challenges of stakeholder involvement. We consider this information to be relevant for an  
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3 integrated knowledge translation, the dissemination, implementation and acceptance of SRs  
4 and RRs in policy and practice and therefore, for the best planning, adaptation and conduct of  
5 future SRs and RRs. We focused on SRs and RRs as they represent different types of evidence  
6 synthesis. Studies included were restricted to the area of health services research as an  
7 established area for SRs and RRs as well as a best-case sample with a considerable extent of  
8 stakeholder involvement. We aimed to assess all kind of stakeholder involvement in recently  
9 published SRs and RRs and to specifically point out reporting and study characteristics as well  
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## 20 **METHODS**

### 21 **Study design**

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23 Based on the pre-specified protocol this cross-sectional study was performed to assess  
24 characteristics and reporting of coproduction in random samples of SRs and RRs in the field of  
25 health services research (Supplementary File S1). For the reporting of this study the STROBE  
26 checklist was used (Supplementary File S2).  
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### 35 **Search strategy and screening**

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37 For SR we searched the Cochrane Database for articles including the term “systematic  
38 review” in their title or abstract (Cochrane SR) and Ovid Medline and Embase with excluding the  
39 term “Cochrane” in title or abstract. RR were searched in Ovid Medline and Embase and in the  
40 Cochrane databases (for CD RR) including the terms “rapid systematic review”, “rapid review”,  
41 “rapid evidence assessment” or “rapid health technology assessment” in their title or abstract.  
42 We included studies published between January, 2011 and December, 2015 without language  
43 restriction. Our search was completed on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and therefore, the search results  
44 for 2015 did not cover the whole year. All results were pooled by review type and duplicates  
45 excluded. The lists were randomly ordered by an external independent reviewer and were then  
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3 introduction and spot-checking by MM) until a total of 30 studies were reached per group. Full  
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5 data extraction, supervised and spot-checked by a second researcher (MM). Disagreements  
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### 10 11 12 **Sample size and selection of review groups**

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14 As RR were often targeted to specific audiences [9, 10], they were expected to involve  
15 stakeholders to a greater extent. We estimated a proportion of stakeholder involvement of 0.70  
16 for RR and of 0.25 for SR, which resulted in a minimal expected difference of 0.45. For two  
17 groups with n=25 per group there will be an estimated power of 0.88 and an alpha of 0.023. To  
18 account for a potential subgroup analysis, we include a sample of n=30 reviews per group, with  
19 4 review groups (Cochrane SRs, SRs, RRs and CD RRs). This resulted in an overall sample of  
20 120 studies.  
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### 30 31 **Inclusion and exclusion criteria**

32 We included studies targeting health services research as defined by Lohr [16]: “Health  
33 services research is the multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that studies how social  
34 factors, financing systems, organizational structures and processes, health technologies, and  
35 personal behaviors affect access to health care, the quality and cost of health care, and  
36 ultimately, our health and well-being. Its research domains are individuals, families,  
37 organizations, institutions, communities, and populations.” Therefore, Health Technology  
38 Assessments (HTAs) targeting effectiveness as well as meta-analyses and systematic reviews  
39 for effectiveness and utility, pharmaceutical trials under everyday conditions, basic research in  
40 care-related fields, quality research, methodological developments in the field of health services  
41 research, the development and application of new technologies (e-health) and the  
42 implementation of knowledge into the clinical practice were included. We excluded studies that  
43 focused exclusively on economic or cost analyses, performed a narrative review, an overview of  
44 reviews or a protocol of a systematic review. Efficacy studies without assessing the quality of  
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3 life, clinical efficacy trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk  
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### 10 **Data extraction**

11 Stakeholders were defined as people with a particular interest in the research topic (but  
12 are not members of the primary research team).[11, 17] We evaluated any kind of stakeholder  
13 involvement and recorded different groups of stakeholders, such as institutional health care  
14 providers, hospitals, community services, consumers, government agencies and health care  
15 policymakers at Federal, State and local levels and associations of health professionals. If  
16 available, we identified their fields and stages of involvement as well as their contribution to the  
17 study results. In addition, we extracted the following data: institution where the review was  
18 performed, contact details of the corresponding author, the type of intervention, study setting,  
19 characteristics of the population (population size, age range, sex), funding, declared conflict of  
20 interest, year of publication. The methodological quality of included articles was assessed using  
21 the AMSTAR tool, a measurement tool for the assessment of multiple systematic reviews.[18]  
22 Where available, our rating was compared with an already existing one from the “health  
23 evidence” or “health systems evidence” platforms.[19, 20] In addition, the use of the PRISMA  
24 checklist was reporting when mentioned in the articles.[21] To get information about  
25 unpublished stakeholder involvement and to assess the extent or stages of their involvement,  
26 pre-formulated questions were sent by email to the contact authors of the included articles. We  
27 asked them, if there had been any stakeholder involvement and if so, to specify the number of  
28 stakeholders, the stages of involvement and the effect on the review outcome. In case of  
29 missing responses, one reminder was sent.  
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## RESULTS

Our search identified a total of 89,798 reviews, with 57,822 articles remaining after exclusion of duplicates. 533 (0.9%) of them were categorized as Cochrane SR, 56,986 (98.6%) as SR, 95 (0.2%) as CD RR and 208 (0.4%) as RR. A total of 227 SRs (0.4%), 128 Cochrane SRs (24%), 165 RRs (79.3%) and 89 CD RRs (93.7%) had to be screened to get the study sample.[22-141] Therefore, 197 SRs, 98 Cochrane SRs, 135 RRs and 59 CD RRs were excluded following title and abstract screening, because they did not meet the inclusion criteria. (Supplementary Table S1) Figure 1 presents the flow diagram of study inclusion.

*[insert Figure 1 here]*

The amount of published SRs increased steadily and the annual number of SRs indexed in Ovid Medline, Embase and the Cochrane database almost doubled between 2011 and 2014 from 7,810 to 14,250. The number of RRs published annually increased almost four-fold in only two years, from 25 in 2012 to 98 in 2014. Following the increasing popularity of RRs, the ratio of RRs performed in relation to the number of SRs performed increased. In 2012, only 25 of 9,816 indexed reviews (0.3%) were RRs. In 2014, already 98 of 14,348 reviews (0.7%) were RRs. (Supplementary Table S2)

**Table 1**

**Characteristics of included reviews by review type**

	Cochrane SR (%)	SR (%)	RR (%)	CD RR (%)	Total (%)
<b>Total number of records</b>	533	56,986	208	95	57,822
<b>Random sample (% of total)</b>	30 (6)	30 (0.1)	30 (14)	30 (32)	120 (0.2)

<b>Geographic location of the corresponding author (% of random sample)</b>					
Africa	2 (7)	0	0	0	2 (2)
Asia	5 (17)	3 (10)	1 (3)	0	9 (8)
Australia	3 (10)	5 (17)	2 (7)	0	10 (8)
Europe	11 (37)	13 (43)	13 (43)	2 (7)	39 (33)
North America	7 (23)	8 (27)	14 (47)	28 (93)	57 (48)
South America	2 (7)	1 (3)	0	0	3 (3)
<b>Thematic focus</b>					
Prevention	11 (37)	5 (17)	4 (13)	7 (23)	27 (23)
Treatment	18 (60)	14 (47)	15 (50)	16 (53)	63 (53)
Health system	1 (3)	2 (7)	7 (23)	7 (23)	17 (14)
Community-based <sup>1</sup>	0	9 (30)	4 (13)	0	13 (11)
<b>Funding</b>					
Governmental, institutional or WHO	30 (100)	30 (100)	30 (100)	30 (100)	120 (100)
Additional funding by company	0	0	1 (3)	0	1 (1)
<b>Conflict of interest (COI)</b>					
Declared none	21 (70)	15 (50)	19 (63)	29 (97)	84 (70)
COI declared	9 (30)	3 (10)	3 (10)	0	15 (13)
Unmentioned	0	12 (40)	8 (27)	1 (3)	21 (18)
<b>Study protocol</b>					

Yes, mentioned in article	30 (100)	5 (17)	4 (13)	1 (3)	40 (33)
Yes, mentioned in correspondence	0	8 (27)	9 (30)	0	17 (14)
No, confirmed by correspondence	0	2 (7)	4 (13)	0	6 (5)
Unmentioned	0	15 (50)	13 (43)	29 (97)	57 (48)
<b>AMSTAR rating</b>					
Median (range)	11 (7, 11)	7 (3, 11)	4 (2, 10)	8 (5, 11)	8 (2, 11)

<sup>1</sup> With exclusion of treatment or preventive interventions

AMSTAR: measurement tool for the “assessment of multiple systematic reviews”, not applicable questions were not counted.

CD: Cochrane database; RR: rapid review; SR: systematic review; WHO: World Health Organisation.

Table 1 presents the characteristics of the included studies. Cochrane SRs generally focused on the prevention and treatment of specific conditions, whereas 30% of SRs were categorized with a community-based topic, with a wide range of participants and possible outcomes and a broader range of study settings. Of note, 23% of each, RRs and CD RRs, were categorized as health system intervention, because they focused on methodological questions or health quality research. We also detected noticeable differences when comparing the median AMSTAR scores: Cochrane SRs and CD RRs showed higher median scores than SRs and RRs. In non-Cochrane reviews information about characteristics and methodological specifications of included studies was often lacking. Also, all 30 Cochrane SRs (100%) mentioned a pre-existing review protocol, whereas 7% of SR and 13% of RRs did not report any protocol and a significant amount of SRs (50%) and RRs (43%) did not clarify if there had been a protocol or not. Similarly, all 30 Cochrane SRs and all but one CD RRs (97%) included a conflict of interest statement, whereas 40% of SRs and 27% of RRs did not include such a paragraph. All reviews were funded by national or international governmental or institutional sources. Only one RR

reported the acceptance of additional funding from a pharmaceutical company.

**Table 2**

**Characteristics of the study population by type of included review**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>SR (%)</b>	<b>RR (%)</b>	<b>CD RR (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Setting</b>					
Hospital setting, inpatients	7 (23)	1 (3)	8 (27)	10 (33)	26 (22)
Outpatients	9 (30)	9 (30)	7 (23)	4 (13)	29 (24)
Home setting	0	3 (10)	0	3 (10)	6 (5)
Community setting	5 (17)	10 (33)	13 (43)	7 (23)	35 (29)
Multiple	9 (30)	5 (17)	0	4 (13)	18 (15)
Other	0	2 (7)	2 (7)	2 (7)	6 (5)
<b>Population size<sup>1</sup></b>					
Median (range)	733 (0; 390,769)	2,846.5 (36; 4,650,877)	2,717 (102; 1,700,000)	349.5 (0; 372,746)	1,622 (0; 4,650,877)
<b>Population type</b>					
Patients with disease/condition	18 (60)	18 (60)	20 (67)	26 (87)	82 (68)
Healthy population	9 (30)	8 (27)	9 (30)	3 (10)	29 (24)
Other	3 (10)	4 (13)	1 (3)	1 (3)	9 (8)
<b>Age range (yrs)</b>					
Adults (>18)	20 (67)	14 (47)	13 (43)	25 (83)	72 (60)
Adolescents (13-18)	2 (7)	1 (3)	1 (3)	1 (3)	5 (4)
Children (0-12)	3 (10)	1 (3)	1 (3)	0	5 (4)
Youth (0-18)	1 (3)	2 (7)	0	0	3 (3)

Other subgroups	1 (3)	6 (20)	2 (7)	3 (10)	12 (10)
Population	3 (10)	6 (20)	13 (43)	1 (3)	23 (19)
<b>Sex</b>					
Females and males	29 (97)	28 (93)	24 (80)	30 (100)	111 (93)
Females only	1 (3)	1 (3)	4 (13)	0	6 (5)
Males only	0	1 (3)	2 (7)	0	3 (3)

CD: Cochrane database; RR: rapid review; SR: systematic review; WHO: World Health Organisation

<sup>1</sup> Zero means that there were no participants mentioned or included in the review.

As shown in Table 2 and with respect to the study population, we detected noticeable differences between the different study types, especially between Cochrane- and non-Cochrane reviews. For example, the median population size was lower for Cochrane reviews compared to non-Cochrane SRs and RRs, respectively. Furthermore, non-Cochrane reviews were not as restrictive regarding the age range and setting or other characteristics of the studies included: 43% of RRs and 20% of SRs declared that they had not applied any restrictions concerning the age of their participants in contrast to 10% of Cochrane SRs and 3% of CD RRs.

**Table 3**

**General characteristics of stakeholder involvement (SI) by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>CD RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Total (%) (N=120)</b>
SI mentioned in article	2 (7)	2 (7)	6 (20)	28 (93)	38 (32)
SI only mentioned in correspondence	2 (7)	4 (13)	7 (23)	0	13 (11)
<b>Total SI</b>	<b>4 (13)</b>	<b>6 (20)</b>	<b>13 (43)</b>	<b>28 (93)</b>	<b>51 (43)</b>

<b>SI per year</b>					
2011	0/5 (0)	0/1 (0)	0/3 (0)	0/0 (0)	0/9 (0)
2012	3/7 (43)	1/5 (20)	1/3 (33)	0/0 (0)	5/15 (33)
2013	0/9 (0)	0/6 (0)	3/5 (60)	9/10 (90)	12/30 (40)
2014	1/7 (14)	3/9 (30)	6/15 (40)	2/3 (67)	12/34 (35)
2015	0/2 (0)	2/9 (22)	3/4 (75)	17/17 (100)	22/32 (69)
<b>Number of stakeholders involved per review (% of SI)</b>					
1	2 (50)	2 (33)	2 (15)	0	6 (12)
2-4	1 (25)	1 (17)	4 (31)	2 (7)	8 (16)
>4	1 (25)	3 (50)	4 (31)	26 (93)	34 (67)
Unspecified	0	0	3 (23)	0	3 (6)
<b>Types of stakeholders (multiple roles possible) (% of SI)</b>					
Patients/consumers	2 (50)	0	2 (15)	5 (18)	9 (18)
Professional organisations	1 (25)	0	0	5 (18)	6 (12)
Caregivers	2 (50)	0	3 (23)	23 (82)	28 (55)
Researchers	1 (25)	3 (50)	2 (15)	0	6 (12)
Policymakers	0	3 (50)	4 (31)	3 (11)	10 (20)
Unspecified	0	0	2 (15)	4 (14)	6 (12)
<b>Funding source (% of SI)</b>					
Governmental or institutional funding	4 (100)	6 (100)	13 (100)	28 (100)	51 (100)
Funding source involved as stakeholder	0	1 (17)	2 (15)	0	3 (6)



Thematic focus (% per review type per topic)					
Prevention	0/11 (0)	0/5 (0)	1/4 (25)	6/7 (86)	7/27 (26)
Treatment	4/18 (22)	3/14 (21)	6/15 (40)	16/16 (100)	29/63 (46)
Health system	0/1 (0)	1/2 (50)	5/7 (71)	6/7 (86)	12/17 (71)
Community-based	0/0 (0)	2/9 (22)	1/4 (25)	0/0 (0)	3/13 (23)

CD: Cochrane database; SR: systematic review; RR: rapid review; SI: stakeholder involvement

Interestingly, the proportion of stakeholder involvement has been quite constant between the years 2012 (5/15, 33%) and 2014 (12/34, 34%) even though the amount of RR has increased exponentially (Table 3). There was, however, a remarkable increase in the proportion of stakeholder involvement for the year 2015 (22/32, 69%), but this was mostly due to the fact that a majority of CD RR, which presented the highest proportion of stakeholder involvement, was indexed in 2015. When comparing the amount of stakeholder involvement in different review topics, there were notable differences: The proportion of stakeholder involvement in reviews focusing on prevention or treatment of specific conditions was lower than in those targeting health system interventions. Any stakeholder involvement was mentioned in 13% of Cochrane SRs, 20% of SRs, 43% of RRs and 93% of CD RRs. Except for CD RRs, where the involvement of stakeholders was routinely reported in the methods section, about half of the stakeholder involvement was reported in the articles and the other half was confirmed via email by study contact authors and remained unmentioned in the reviews. With 67% the email response rate was highest for RRs.

CD RRs turned out to have by far the highest proportion of reported stakeholder involvement. They are usually conducted and published in a standardised format, which features the contribution of expert panels. In four CD RRs, the exact type of stakeholders was not specified, but for the remaining they were listed in the appendix of the corresponding articles.

It was then, however, not specified what they specifically contributed to the review, e.g. in which phase(s) of the process they were involved or if their contribution had affected the final results and conclusions of the reviews (Table 4). One author mentioned in the review that the reason for involving stakeholders was to understand the clinical perspective.

**Table 4****Engagement characteristics of stakeholder involvement (SI) by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>CD RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Total (%) (N=120)</b>
<b>Stages of SI (multiple stages possible) (% of SI)</b>					
Research question	1 (25)	1 (17)	4 (31)	0	6 (12)
Study characteristics	0	0	6 (46)	0	6 (12)
Protocol writing	0	1 (17)	2 (15)	0	3 (6)
Review process	3 (75)	1 (17)	5 (38)	0	9 (18)
Interpretation of findings	0	1 (17)	1 (8)	0	2 (4)
Result synthesis	0	0	2 (15)	0	2 (4)
Multiple or all stages	1 (25)	2 (33)	1 (8)	28 (100)	32 (63)
Unspecified	0	2 (33)	1 (8)	0	3 (6)
<b>Reasons mentioned for SI (% of SI)</b>					
Stakeholder commissioned / requested review	0	1 (17)	4 (31)	0	5 (10)
To get consumer feedback	1 (25)	0	0	0	1 (2)

To refine research question	1 (25)	0	0	0	1 (2)
To make the review more relevant for target audience	2 (50)	0	8 (62)	0	10 (20)
To understand clinical perspective	0	1 (17)	0	1 (4)	2 (4)
Unspecified	0	4 (67)	1 (7)	27 (96)	32 (63)
<b>Effect of SI mentioned by authors (% of SI)</b>					
Substantial or positive effect	2 (50)	4 (67)	11 (85)	0	17 (33)
Negative effect	0	0	0	0	0
No effect mentioned	2 (50)	2 (33)	2 (15)	28 (100)	34 (67)
Explicit encouragement for involving stakeholders in further studies (% of reviews)	0	1 (3)	1 (3)	1 (3)	3 (2)

CD: Cochrane database; SR: systematic review; RR: rapid review; SI: stakeholder involvement

We detected stakeholder involvement in 43% (13/30) of RRs. The biggest groups of stakeholders were policymakers and caregivers, followed by researchers and patients. In contrast to CD RRs, there was usually a small number of stakeholders engaged in RRs. They were involved at different phases, such as determining study characteristics, formulating the research question, within the review process in general, and less commonly in protocol writing, result synthesis and the interpretation of findings. One article involved stakeholder throughout all stages, in one case the phase of involvement was not specified. In total, 85% of the authors confirmed, that the stakeholders had significantly contributed to the review. Of these, 62% mentioned that involving stakeholders supported to increase the impact of the review and enabled to focus on the needs of target groups, which made the review more relevant to e.g.

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3 patients or policymakers. Stakeholders had commissioned one third of the RRs or had asked for  
4 evidence. Only two of 13 authors (15%) did not mention any substantial effect. In two cases one  
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10 We identified stakeholder involvement in 20% (6/30) of SRs. In four cases the  
11 stakeholder involvement was confirmed via email, two articles mentioned the involvement of  
12 stakeholders. Only two types of stakeholders were reported: policymakers and researchers. If  
13 mentioned, all phases of involvement occurred about equally. A total 67% (4/6) study authors  
14 reported significant benefit from the stakeholders' contributions. One author mentioned that  
15 stakeholder supported the researchers to understand different perspectives of the problem, and  
16 33% (2/6) reported no effect. In one case, the stakeholder was involved as funding source.  
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27 Cochrane SRs turned out to be the group with the smallest amount of stakeholder  
28 involvement. All stakeholder involvement was confirmed and specified by email. The involved  
29 types of stakeholders were patients, caregivers, professional organisations and researchers.  
30 They were mostly involved for providing feedback during the review process, in one case they  
31 contributed in formulating the review question. One review involved stakeholders at all stages. A  
32 total of 50% (2/4) of the authors reported substantial benefit, the other 50% (2/4) reported no  
33 significant effect on study results or conclusions. Two authors had involved stakeholders to  
34 make the review more relevant for its target audience, one author claimed that stakeholders  
35 helped him to refine the research question. One author involved stakeholders to get direct  
36 consumer feedback before publishing the review. No stakeholders were involved in funding.  
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## 49 DISCUSSION

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51 The involvement of stakeholders varies by review type. Our findings suggest that RRs  
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3 difference in the phases in which stakeholders were involved. RRs involved them at very early  
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12 stakeholder groups, to substantially contribute to RRs than SRs. Of note, the majority of RR and  
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16 study results, making the review more relevant for the targeted audience. This corresponds with  
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22 al.[143] who concluded, that stakeholder involvement led to increased relevance and depth of  
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36 review process, may illustrate that the stakeholders' contribution to SRs was seen as an  
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40 suggest that the contribution of involved stakeholders in RRs seemed to be more substantial  
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47 comparing the median AMSTAR scores, are most probably caused by the pre-specified study  
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49 protocol and the much more explicit exclusion and inclusion criteria in Cochrane reviews. The  
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53 Cochrane reviews illustrates that the studies they included had a broader spectrum of possibly  
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3 different review types using the AMSTAR tool [144], Turner et al [145] and Page et al [5]. They  
4 all suggested strategies to improve the methodological quality of future reviews, for example  
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10 Watt et al. also studied the differences between SRs and RRs and presented evidence  
11 that their conclusions did not differ much for similar research questions.[8] They found RRs to  
12 be useful in certain cases, e.g. in clinical practice and for policy decisions, especially because of  
13 their ability to be highly responsive to the development of new technologies and technique.[8]  
14 Cameron et al. also emphasized that overall outcomes did not vary significantly in cases where  
15 both RRs and SRs were conducted.[9] However, Gannan et al. claimed that SRs generally  
16 provided greater depth of information and more detail in formulating recommendations and  
17 concluded that RRs were no viable alternatives to full SRs.[7]  
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28 One author reported that a stakeholder specifically “asked for evidence within four  
29 months”. This may indicate, that RRs better fit to the needs of stakeholders than time-  
30 consuming SRs. And, especially, when the target audience of the review will not be exclusively  
31 academia-based, targeting policymakers for example, there is urgent need for researchers to  
32 include representatives of that audience in the review process, to reflect their perspectives. In  
33 future, this would result in a higher proportion of stakeholder involvement.  
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45 rate of unmentioned stakeholder involvement might still be higher than our numbers suggest. Of  
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47 unmentioned stakeholder involvement, except for CD RRs, where all stakeholder involvement  
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3 same criteria to determine, whether any person involved in the review was categorized as  
4 stakeholder or not. In their emails, some authors mentioned experts or peer reviewers and listed  
5 them as stakeholders. One author listed members of the research team, who performed  
6 literature research and data extraction as stakeholders. Given all the information about who was  
7 involved in the reviews, it was sometimes difficult to conclude whom we would count as  
8 stakeholder and whom as “expert” from the same, or from a related field. Interdisciplinary  
9 knowledge exchange is an important part of evidence-based research, but there is great  
10 heterogeneity in whether experts from other fields are considered stakeholders or not, such as  
11 e.g. researchers of the study team. Regarding the fact that we did not count any experts or peer  
12 reviewers to the group of possible stakeholders, we might have presented a significantly higher  
13 percentage of stakeholder involvement by including them. There is, therefore, urgent need to  
14 establish a widely accepted definition of a stakeholder, such as suggested by Pollock et al., who  
15 propose a broad definition of possible stakeholders [17]: “We define stakeholders as any  
16 potential knowledge user whose primary job is not directly in research, including people with a  
17 healthcare condition, their families, friends and caregivers, health professionals, decision  
18 makers and others.” Furthermore, discussion is needed, whether the funding body of a review  
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40 Although the overall proportion of stakeholder involvement has not yet increased  
41 prominently in the past few years, there have still been considerable efforts in creating  
42 standardized procedures for involving stakeholders in evidence synthesis. Keown et al.  
43 identified five opportunities in the systematic review process, where potential stakeholders could  
44 be engaged on a regular base.[143] The CD RRs included were mainly performed by Health  
45 Quality Ontario (Canada) and routinely hold expert panels, including physicians, caregivers and  
46 sometimes, consumer representatives and professional organisations. The fact that they  
47 included stakeholders on a regular basis confirms, what Keown et al [143] had already  
48 suggested: the engagement of audience members interested in or affected by the investigated  
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3 topic definitively results in more benefits than limitations. We, therefore, suggest that future  
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5 the relevance and acceptance of the knowledge transfer. Furthermore, stakeholder involvement  
6 should be included and evaluated in reporting checklists of all review types.  
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## 47 **Legend Figure 1**

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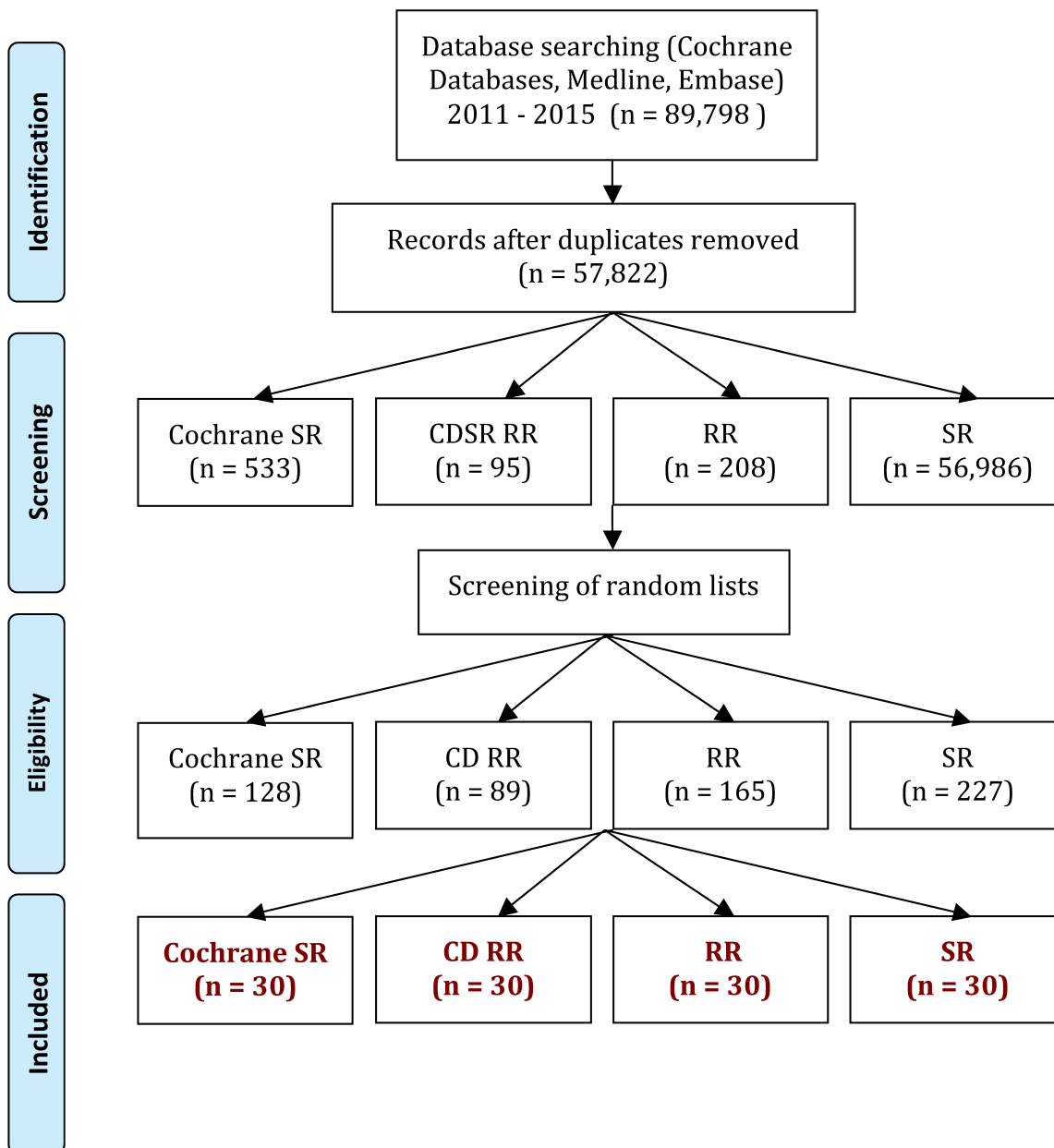
**File S1. Study protocol**

**File S2. STROBE checklist**

**Table S1. References of excluded studies**

**Table S2. Overview of reviews of health services research, 2011 to 2015**

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# Stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews of health services research

Protocol version 2

## 1. Background

### *Description of full systematic reviews (SR) and rapid reviews (RR)*

According to the Cochrane handbook (1), a traditional systematic review is a review that “attempts to collate all empirical evidence that fits pre-specified eligibility criteria in order to answer a specific research question. It uses explicit, systematic methods that are selected with a view to minimizing bias, thus providing more reliable findings from which conclusions can be drawn and decisions made”. While systematic reviews are considered to be the gold standard in knowledge synthesis, they are not without their limitations. For example, they usually require between 6 months and 2 years to complete and often focus on a narrow clinical question or set of questions. (2)

The key characteristics of a systematic review are (a) a clearly stated set of objectives with an explicit, reproducible methodology; (b) a systematic search that attempts to identify all studies that would meet the eligibility criteria; (c) an assessment of the validity of the findings of the included studies (e.g., assessment of risk of bias and confidence in cumulative estimates); and (d) systematic presentation, and synthesis, of the characteristics and findings of the included studies. (3) Systematic reviews should build on a protocol that describes the rationale, hypothesis, and planned methods of the review; few reviews report whether a protocol exists. Detailed, well-described protocols can facilitate the understanding and appraisal of the review methods, as well as the detection of modifications to methods and selective reporting in completed reviews (4).

Full systematic reviews (SR) and rapid reviews (RR) are two types of systematic reviews. They are often distinguished by the shorter time frame needed to produce a RR final report as well as by its less complex research topic (5): “Rapid reviews streamline traditional systematic review methods in order to synthesize evidence within a shortened timeframe” (6). As shown by Watt et al. RR did not have to be inherently inferior to SR despite “axiomatic differences” (7). He found that their conclusions did not differ much for similar research questions. However, SRs included methodologically more broader information, e.g. on economic evaluations or health service impact as well as more in-depth results, e.g. on clinical outcomes (8).

For SRs comprehensive guidance exists, e.g. based on the Cochrane Handbook (1). On the other hand, there is no standardized methodology for RRs and needs for at minimum increased transparency in reporting have been identified (5, 7).

RRs were often considered to target specific policy questions or to be tailored to a mandate or to the intended end-users (7). Therefore, they are often performed to inform decision making or commissioned by health policy makers.

Description of format contents: PICO or according to PRISMA.

### ***Description of stakeholder involvement***

Stakeholders represent decision- and policy-makers and institutions responsible for the selection and implementation of health policies, HTAs, guidelines or end-users. Experts in the respective field are not considered as stakeholders except if they contribute in the policy-planning as described above. It is also known that stakeholders often represent more than one perspective. Concannon et al. described the 7Ps of stakeholders: patients and the public, providers, purchasers, payers, policy makers, product makers, principal investigators (9)

The U.S. EHC Program defined a “stakeholder” as a person or group with a vested interest in a particular clinical decision and the evidence that supports that decision, including:

- Patients, caregivers, and patient advocacy organizations
- Clinicians and their professional associations
- Institutional health care providers, such as hospital systems and medical clinics
- Government agencies
- Purchasers and payers, such as employers and public and private insurers
- Health care industry representatives
- Health care policymakers at the Federal, State and local levels
- Health care researchers and research institutions.

In general stakeholders might be engaged in evidence prioritization, e.g. proposing the title of a systematic review, setting research priorities, in evidence generation, such as performing trials and observational studies, in evidence synthesis, e.g. SR, RR, meta-analysis, in evidence integration, such as modeling, mapping gaps and evidence or cost effectiveness or in evidence dissemination and application, e.g. implementation formats or feedback assessment. Therefore, engagement of stakeholders may not only direct the targeted research topics but also influence the quality and dissemination of study results (9).

At what stages stakeholders can be involved in during the systematic review process? Cottrell et al. identified six categories where the systematic review might benefit: establishing credibility, anticipating controversy, ensuring transparency and accountability, improving relevance and enhancing quality as well as increasing dissemination and uptake of systematic review findings (10). Several challenges to involve stakeholders were determined. They include limited time and resources, skills of researcher to engage stakeholders, finding the right people, balancing multiple inputs and understanding the most appropriate time in the review process to engage different types of stakeholders (10). On the other hand, factors for successful stakeholder engagement included a-priori clarification of the expectations, the roles, types of activities, early engagement in the process, ongoing relationships to build trust and credibility, equality of different stakeholders, tentative inclusion of a trained facilitator and sensitivity to tight timelines (11).

Methods for identifying, selecting, contacting and engaging stakeholders might differ.

Furthermore, characteristics of stakeholders themselves are important, e.g. their intensity and modes of engagement may vary according to their interests and expectations, their roles and

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3 their level of power and influence (11). To date there have been few efforts to measure the  
4 benefits/tradeoffs of specific stakeholder engagement processes or differing approaches to  
5 selecting and engaging differing stakeholder types (10-13).  
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8 Of all phases of the systematic review, the topic refinement and developing the key questions  
9 was repeatedly identified as the point where stakeholder engagement yielded the greatest  
10 benefit (10).  
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### 13 ***Definition of health services research***

14 See Appendix 1.  
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### 17 ***Relevance of this study***

18 Systematic reviews may benefit from involving stakeholders, but less is known about the  
19 practice, e.g. the proportion of involved stakeholders in recently published SRs and RRs and  
20 their type(s) and benefits of engagement in the process of a SR or RR. This information is  
21 considered to be relevant for the implementation and/or acceptance of SRs and RRs.  
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## 29 **2. Objectives**

30 Our aims are to assess, reflect and compare the current international practice of involving  
31 stakeholders in published full systematic reviews (SR) and in rapid reviews (RR) in the field of  
32 health services research.  
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## 36 **3. Methods**

### 37 ***Sample size considerations***

38 Sample size considerations are guided by practical reasons and resources available. As the  
39 power of the two proportions is expected to be sufficiently high anyway, due to the big expected  
40 difference of the two proportions reporting stakeholder involvement. We consider a proportion  
41 of 0.70 for RRs and of 0.25 for SRs. This results in a minimal expected difference of 0.45.  
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47 Two groups with N=25 per group show an estimated power of 0.88 and an alpha of 0.023.

48 To account for potential subgroup analysis, we include a sample of N=30 systematic reviews per  
49 group, with 4 groups (SRs, RRs and Cochrane SRs, Cochrane additional database RRs). This  
50 allows us to include a maximum of six predictors in the analysis when we perform two-group  
51 comparisons.  
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55 We will proceed according to the STROBE guidelines as far as they are applicable.  
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### 58 ***Groups to be studied ("study population")***

59 *Full systematic reviews:*  
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Two groups will be studied:

1. Full systematic reviews in general: self-declaration as SR within the title or Methods section of the article or registration as such in the databases searched.
2. Cochrane systematic reviews: SRs are performed according to the Cochrane handbook (1). They are registered, supervised and released within a Cochrane Review Group. They represent the gold standard.

These two groups are selected as they are expected to differ with respect to their transparency of conduct and quality assessment.

#### *Rapid reviews:*

Rapid reviews articles will be identified on the basis of the respective self-declaration within the title, Methods section of the abstract or registration as such in the databases searched.

As there is heterogeneity regarding methodology, different terms might be used, e.g. rapid review, rapid method, rapid evidence, rapid synthesis or evidence summary.

#### *Inclusion criteria:*

- titled as systematic review or rapid review or reported as such in the objective or method section of the abstract, respectively, or registered as such in the database searched
- studies including rapid review methodology as one part of the overall study
- published between January, 2011 and December, 2015 (it is most crucial to be sure to include sufficient RRs)
- targeting a health services research topic as included in the title or abstract of the article based on the definition provided in Appendix 1

#### *Exclusion criteria:*

- designed to assess exclusively economic or cost analysis as described in the title or abstract
- performing a review or overview of reviews
- describing a protocol of a systematic review
- efficacy studies, clinical trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, economic analyses, non-human studies, establishment of databases or registries
- unclear design or description of the intervention

The inclusion and exclusion criteria are presented in Appendix 2.

#### ***Targeted stakeholders***

We will assess any kind of stakeholder involvement. In addition we will record the following groups of stakeholders:

- Institutional health care providers, such as hospitals and community services

- Government agencies
- Health care policymakers at the Federal, State and local levels

## 4. Outcomes

### *Primary outcomes:*

- to assess any kind of stakeholder involvement: yes or no
- to assess type(s) of stakeholders involved, e.g. decision- or policy-maker, experts involved in policy-planning, such as institutional health care providers or community services
- to determine phase(s)-related contribution(s) of stakeholders, e.g. developing the research question, literature search, study relevance (quality assessment), formulating or judging recommendations etc.

in recently published SRs and RRs.

### *Secondary outcomes:*

- to evaluate some potential predictors: type and topic of included studies, study population, setting (individual, population group, population, policy) and overall quality score
- to assess reported adverse effects or barriers of stakeholder involvement
- to verify stakeholder involvement
- to report publication issues, such as presence of a review protocol, institutional background of the authors, e.g. specialized in evidence synthesis, year of publication, stakeholder included as key word, dissemination information

## 5. Data collection

### *Databases to be searched:*

- The following databases will be searched:  
Biomedical/Health: Ovid Medline, Embase. Within the search strategy Cochrane SRs will be excluded.
- Cochrane library (for Cochrane SRs) and Cochrane additional databases (for RRs, e.g. DARE reviews, named as CD RR)

The search strategy will be presented in Appendix 1.

### *Selection of studies*

Following the searches in the targeted databases all results of the corresponding systematic review type (SR, RR, Cochrane SR, CD RR) will be pooled and duplicates excluded. These lists will be ordered randomly using the statistical program package R and will be exported to an excel file. The resulting lists will enter the study screening.

### ***Screening of studies***

In consecutive order, the randomly ordered references of each group of systematic reviews (SR, RR, Cochrane) will be checked for the general information and the inclusion and exclusion criteria (Appendix 2) until a total of 30 studies are included for each group.

One review authors (JF) will independently screen titles and abstracts for general information, inclusion and exclusion, cross-checked by MM. Inconsistencies or disagreement will be resolved through discussion and with consultation of another review author (MP) where necessary. The process of study selection will be carefully recorded in order to complete the PRISMA-flow diagram.

### ***Data extraction and management***

We will use a data collection form for study characteristics and outcome data which has been piloted on two reviews, one SR and one RR. One author, JF, performs full text extraction, supervised and spot-checked by a second researcher, MM. Within the full text article every step of the review will be checked for stakeholder involvement. We will resolve disagreements by consensus or by involving a third review author (MP).

Regarding Cochrane SRs, the protocol (and not the full text article) will be checked for stakeholder involvement as the protocol is relevant for performing the SR.

In addition to the screening form in Appendix 2 we will extract the following data:

- Institution performing the systematic review and contact details of the corresponding author
- Specific topic and intervention within the field of health services research
- Setting: population, population group, individual, policy; major characteristics of the population (overall N, age range or groups, sex)
- Funding for systematic review and notable conflicts of interest of authors
- Stakeholder involvement: any, number, type(s) and phase(s) of involvement, mentioned as key word
- Methodological quality assessment using the AMSTAR tool

All data will enter an Excel file.

To confirm the presented stakeholder involvement and to ask for reasons, whether benefits of stakeholder involvement were measured and about dissemination, the contact author of the included articles will be contacted by emails with pre-formulated questions. It will be indicated that this information will be used for a publication but only summarized and anonymously. Contact authors will be sent one reminder in case of missing responses.

If feasible, two experts in the field will be contacted to review and comment this protocol and to contribute to the final article in order to ensure generalizability and transparency.

We will conduct this study according to this protocol and report deviations from it in the 'Differences between protocol and review' section.

### Potential for bias conducting this overview

- selection bias, e.g. regarding year of publication, no search for grey literature
- reporting bias, e.g. incomplete reporting, no study protocol

## 6. Data analysis

There will be a narrative description of the synthesis.

We will assess the overall proportion of stakeholder involvement as well as within subgroups and according to the outcomes described. We will compare the proportion of stakeholders involved between groups using the non-parametric Wilcoxon rank sum test.

The results of the AMSTAR assessment will be entered as a score.

### Differences between protocol and review

Will be listed if applicable.

### Conflicts of interest

None.

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Internal sources

- Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute, University of Zurich, Zurich Switzerland

This is the host institution for the majority of the authors.

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## Appendix 1: Definition of health services research and search strategy (Ovid Medline)

### *Search strategy*

#### **Systematic reviews:**

- Cochrane Database: "systematic review" (title or abstract)
- Ovid Medline and Embase: "systematic review" (ti, ab), excluding "Cochrane" in title or abstract.
- No language restriction
- Published between January, 2011 and December, 2015

#### **Rapid reviews:**

- Terms: "rapid systematic review", "rapid review", "rapid evidence assessment" or "rapid health technology assessment" in title or abstract
- No language restriction
- Published between January, 2011 and December, 2015

### *Definition of health services research*

#### **No longer available:**

**Fields of health services research as defined by the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMW)** (<http://www.samw.ch/de/Forschung/Versorgungsforschung/Kriterien.html>):

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[www.bundesaerztekammer.de/page.asp?his=0.6.3289.3293.3295&all=true](http://www.bundesaerztekammer.de/page.asp?his=0.6.3289.3293.3295&all=true)

#### **Replaced by:**

Lohr KN, Steinwachs DM. Health services research: an evolving definition of the field. *Health Serv Res.* 2002;37(1):7-9. PubMed PMID: 11949927:

"Health services research is the multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that studies how social factors, financing systems, organizational structures and processes, health technologies, and personal behaviors affect access to health care, the quality and cost of health care, and ultimately, our health and well-being. Its research domains are individuals, families, organizations, institutions, communities, and populations."

Health Technology Assessments (HTAs) targeting effectiveness as well as meta-analyses and systematic reviews for effectiveness and utility, pharmaceutical trials under everyday conditions, basic research in care-related fields, quality research, methodological developments in the field of health services research, the development and application of new technologies (e-health) and the implementation of knowledge into the clinical practice were included. We excluded studies that focused exclusively on economic or cost analyses, performed a narrative review, an overview of reviews or a protocol of a systematic review. Efficacy studies without assessing the quality of life, clinical efficacy trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, non-human studies, establishment of databases or registries, studies with unclear design or description of the intervention were also excluded.

## Appendix 2: Screening of general information and check for inclusion and exclusion

### General information

Study ID:	Report ID:	Data form completed:
First author:	Year of study:	Version number:
Citation:		
Publication type (specify):		

### Inclusion and exclusion criteria

#### A) For full systematic reviews

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article titled as systematic review or designed as such in the method section of the abstract or registered as such within the database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

**To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.**

Exclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled?	
	Yes	No
Does the article investigate efficacy or describes clinical trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, non-human studies or the establishment of databases or registries as described in the title or the objective or methods section of the abstract?		
Does the article exclusively describe an economic assessment or cost analysis in the title or abstract?		
Does the article describe an overview or review of reviews within the title or abstract?		
Does the article describe a protocol of a systematic review?		

Is the design or the intervention of the article unclear?		
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To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with No.

**B) For rapid reviews**

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article titled as rapid review, rapid method or rapid synthesis or designed as such in the method section of the abstract or registered as such within the database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.

The exclusion criteria are the same as described in A).

**C) For Cochrane systematic reviews**

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article registered and published as Cochrane systematic review within the Cochrane database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.

The exclusion criteria are the same as described in A).



## Appendix 3: Data extraction for full text assessment

### Variables to be assessed (excel file):

- Study type (Cochrane SR, SR, RR, CD RR), Study ID, Report ID
- First study author, contact details of corresponding author, country, mail contact
- Reference citation
- Year of study (publication), version (update or first review)
- Initials of data extractor, initials of people who cross-checked extraction
- Study protocol mentioned, PRISMA checklist used
- Specific review topic, thematic focus, type of intervention, setting
- Study population: size, type, age range of participants included, sex
- Funding source, Conflict of interest statement
- Stakeholder involvement (SI): SI mentioned, SI as key word, number of stakeholders involved, types, stages involved, reasons for SI mentioned, effects of SI mentioned,
- Amstar rating, comparison of rating (Health evidence/health system evidence)

### AMSTAR – a measurement tool to assess the methodological quality of systematic reviews.

#### 1. Was an 'a priori' design provided?

The research question and inclusion criteria should be established before the conduct of the review.

*Note: Need to refer to a protocol, ethics approval, or pre-determined/a priori published research objectives to score a "yes."*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 2. Was there duplicate study selection and data extraction?

There should be at least two independent data extractors and a consensus procedure for disagreements should be in place.

*Note: 2 people do study selection, 2 people do data extraction, consensus process or one person checks the other's work.*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 3. Was a comprehensive literature search performed?

At least two electronic sources should be searched. The report must include years and databases used (e.g., Central, EMBASE, and MEDLINE). Key words and/or MESH terms must be stated and where feasible the search strategy should be provided. All searches should be supplemented by consulting current contents, reviews, textbooks, specialized registers, or experts in the particular field of study, and by reviewing the references in the studies found.

*Note: If at least 2 sources + one supplementary strategy used, select "yes" (Cochrane register/Central counts as 2 sources; a grey literature search counts as supplementary).*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 4. Was the status of publication (i.e. grey literature) used as an inclusion criterion?

The authors should state that they searched for reports regardless of their publication type. The authors should state whether or not they excluded any reports (from the systematic review), based on their publication status, language etc.

*Note: If review indicates that there was a search for "grey literature" or "unpublished literature," indicate "yes." SIGLE database, dissertations, conference proceedings, and*

trial registries are all considered grey for this purpose. If searching a source that contains both grey and non-grey, must specify that they were searching for grey/unpublished lit.

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**5. Was a list of studies (included and excluded) provided?**

A list of included and excluded studies should be provided.

*Note: Acceptable if the excluded studies are referenced. If there is an electronic link to the list but the link is dead, select "no."*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**6. Were the characteristics of the included studies provided?**

In an aggregated form such as a table, data from the original studies should be provided on the participants, interventions and outcomes. The ranges of characteristics in all the studies analyzed e.g., age, race, sex, relevant socioeconomic data, disease status, duration, severity, or other diseases should be reported.

*Note: Acceptable if not in table format as long as they are described as above.*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**7. Was the scientific quality of the included studies assessed and documented?**

'A priori' methods of assessment should be provided (e.g., for effectiveness studies if the author(s) chose to include only randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled studies, or allocation concealment as inclusion criteria); for other types of studies alternative items will be relevant.

*Note: Can include use of a quality scoring tool or checklist, e.g., Jadad scale, risk of bias, sensitivity analysis, etc., or a description of quality items, with some kind of result for EACH study ("low" or "high" is fine, as long as it is clear which studies scored "low" and which scored "high"; a summary score/range for all studies is not acceptable).*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**8. Was the scientific quality of the included studies used appropriately in formulating conclusions?**

The results of the methodological rigor and scientific quality should be considered in the analysis and the conclusions of the review, and explicitly stated in formulating recommendations.

*Note: Might say something such as "the results should be interpreted with caution due to poor quality of included studies." Cannot score "yes" for this question if scored "no" for question 7.*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**9. Were the methods used to combine the findings of studies appropriate?**

For the pooled results, a test should be done to ensure the studies were combinable, to assess their homogeneity (i.e., Chi-squared test for homogeneity,  $I^2$ ). If heterogeneity exists a random effects model should be used and/or the clinical appropriateness of combining should be taken into consideration (i.e., is it sensible to combine?).

*Note: Indicate "yes" if they mention or describe heterogeneity, i.e., if they explain that they cannot pool because of heterogeneity/variability between interventions.*

- Yes
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**10. Was the likelihood of publication bias assessed?**

An assessment of publication bias should include a combination of graphical aids (e.g., funnel plot, other available tests) and/or statistical tests (e.g., Egger regression test, Hedges-Olken).

*Note: If no test values or funnel plot included, score "no". Score "yes" if mentions that*

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3 *publication bias could not be assessed because there were fewer than 10 included*  
4 *studies.*

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9 **11. Was the conflict of interest included?**

10 Potential sources of support should be clearly acknowledged in both the systematic  
11 review and the included studies.

12 *Note: To get a "yes," must indicate source of funding or support for the systematic*  
13 *review AND for each of the included studies.*

- 14  Yes  
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16  Can't answer  
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STROBE Statement—Checklist of items that should be included in reports of *cross-sectional studies*

	Item No	Recommendation	Page no.
<b>Title and abstract</b>	1	(a) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract	1
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	2
<b>Introduction</b>			
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	3-5
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	5-6
<b>Methods</b>			
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	6
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	Inclusion & exclusion criteria: 7
Participants	6	(a) Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants	Search strategy and screening: 6-7
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	Data extraction: 8
Data sources/measurement	8*	For each variable of interest, give sources of data and details of methods of assessment (measurement). Describe comparability of assessment methods if there is more than one group	Data extraction: 8
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	Reporting quality: AMSTAR: 8
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	7
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	n.a.
Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	n.a.
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	n.a.
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	n.a.
		(d) If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy	n.a.
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	n.a.
<b>Results</b>			
Participants	13*	(a) Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—eg numbers potentially eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study, completing follow-up, and analysed	9

		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	Figure 1
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	9-12, Table 1
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	Table 1
Outcome data	15*	Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	Tables 3 + 4
Main results	16	(a) Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and their precision (eg, 95% confidence interval). Make clear which confounders were adjusted for and why they were included	Tables 1-4
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized	Tables
		(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period	n.a.
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	n.a.
<b>Discussion</b>			
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	18-19
Limitations	19	Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias	20-21
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	19-20
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	21-22
<b>Other information</b>			
Funding	22	Give the source of funding and the role of the funders for the present study and, if applicable, for the original study on which the present article is based	22

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## Supplementary Table S1

## References of excluded studies

Review type	Number after randomization	Reference
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CSR	2	2014 A. Anie Kofi and P. Massaglia Psychological therapies for thalassaemia
CSR	3	2012 P. Wilkinson and Z. Izmeth Continuation and maintenance treatments for depression in older people
CSR	4	2011 C. van Dalen Elvira, W. van As Jorrit and B. de Camargo Methotrexate for high-grade osteosarcoma in children and young adults
CSR	5	2013 I. Omar Muhammad and E. Alexander Cameron Drug treatment for faecal incontinence in adults
CSR	6	2012 J. Preston Nancy, A. Hurlow, J. Brine and I. Bennett Michael Blood transfusions for anaemia in patients with advanced cancer
CSR	7	2012 N. Skoetz, K. Bauer, T. Elter, I. Monsef, V. Roloff, M. Hallek and A. Engert Alemtuzumab for patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia
CSR	8	2014 R. Li Luying, E. Sydenham, B. Chaudhary, D. Beecher and C. You Glucocorticoid with cyclophosphamide for paraquat-induced lung fibrosis
CSR	9	2013 A. Ohlsson and B. Lacy Janet Intravenous immunoglobulin for preventing infection in preterm and/or low birth weight infants
CSR	10	2015 S. Gurusamy Kurinchi, V. Giljaca, Y. Takwoingi, D. Higgie, G. Poropat, D. A timac and R. Davidson Brian Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography versus intraoperative cholangiography for diagnosis of common bile duct stones
CSR	11	2012 Y. Zhang, C. Fang, R. Dong Bi, T. Wu and L. Deng Jue Oxygen therapy for pneumonia in adults
CSR	12	2013 J. Qureshi Mosarrat and M. Kumar D-Penicillamine for preventing retinopathy of prematurity in preterm infants
CSR	13	2015 M. Di Nisio, F. Peinemann, E. Porreca and W. S. Rutjes Anne Primary prophylaxis for venous thromboembolism in patients undergoing cardiac or thoracic surgery
CSR	14	2014 B. Tan Hannah, S. Danilla, A. Murray, R. Serra, R. El Dib, O. W. Henderson Tom and J. Wasiak Immunonutrition as an adjuvant therapy for burns
CSR	15	2012 A. Hurlow, I. Bennett Michael, A. Robb Karen, I. Johnson Mark, H. Simpson Karen and G. Oxberry Stephen Transcutaneous electric nerve stimulation (TENS) for cancer pain in adults
CSR	16	2013 Z. Dong, J. Xu, Z. Wang and S. Petrov Maxim Stents for the prevention of pancreatic fistula following pancreaticoduodenectomy
CSR	17	2012 G. Feagan Brian and K. MacDonald John Oral 5-aminosalicylic acid for induction of remission in ulcerative colitis
CSR	18	2012 M. Dhiwakar, W. A. Clement, M. Supriya and W. McKerrow Antibiotics to reduce post-tonsillectomy morbidity
CSR	19	2015 L. Gal Robin, S. Vedula Satyanarayana and R. Beck Corticosteroids for treating optic neuritis
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4	<b>CSR</b>	22	2011 L. Nelson Richard, P. Kelsey, H. Leeman, N. Meardon, H. Patel, K. Paul, R. Rees, B. Taylor, E. Wood and R. Malakun Antibiotic treatment for Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea in adults
5	<b>CSR</b>	23	2012 R. Gurion, Y. Belnik-Plitman, A. Gafer-Gvili, M. Paul, L. Vidal, I. Ben-Bassat, O. Shpilberg and P. Raanan Colony-stimulating factors for prevention and treatment of infectious complications in patients with acute myelogenous leukemia
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7	<b>CSR</b>	25	2015 K. Maduwage, A. Buckley Nick, H. J. de Silva, G. Laloo David and K. Isbister Geoffrey Snake antivenom for snake venom induced consumption coagulopathy
8	<b>CSR</b>	26	2012 Y. Xiao, M. Luo, J. Wang and H. Luo Losigamone add-on therapy for partial epilepsy
9	<b>CSR</b>	27	2014 H. Lamers Mieke, M. Broekman, P. H. Drenth Joost and C. Gluud Aminoadamantanes versus other antiviral drugs for chronic hepatitis C
10	<b>CSR</b>	28	2015 G. Elbers Roy, J. Verhoef, E. H. van Wegen Erwin, W. Berendse Henk and G. Kwakkel Interventions for fatigue in Parkinson's disease
11	<b>CSR</b>	29	2013 R. Lodha, K. Kabra Sushil and M. Pandey Ravindra Antibiotics for community-acquired pneumonia in children
12	<b>CSR</b>	30	2012 J. Thornton and S. Rangaraj Disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs in people with cystic fibrosis-related arthritis
13	<b>CSR</b>	31	2013 V. Wong, K. L. Cheuk Daniel, S. Lee and V. Chu Acupuncture for acute management and rehabilitation of traumatic brain injury
14	<b>CSR</b>	32	2014 H. Li, J. Wang, C. Li and Z. Xiao Repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) for panic disorder in adults
15	<b>CSR</b>	33	2013 T. Allersma, C. Farquhar and E. P. Cantineau Astrid Natural cycle in vitro fertilisation (IVF) for subfertile couples
16	<b>CSR</b>	34	2011 N. Johnson, A. Bryant, T. Miles, T. Hogberg and P. Cornes Adjuvant chemotherapy for endometrial cancer after hysterectomy
17	<b>CSR</b>	35	2012 L. Choo Karen Jui, F. E. R. Simons and A. Sheikh Glucocorticoids for the treatment of anaphylaxis
18	<b>CSR</b>	36	2014 A. Ohlsson, S. Shah Vibhuti and C. Stade Brenda Vaginal chlorhexidine during labour to prevent early-onset neonatal group B streptococcal infection
19	<b>CSR</b>	37	2013 Y. Cheng, J. Lu, X. Xiong, S. Wu, Y. Lin, T. Wu and N. Cheng Gases for establishing pneumoperitoneum during laparoscopic abdominal surgery
20	<b>CSR</b>	38	2014 J. Zheng, Y. Fang, W. Cai Bo, H. Zhang, W. Liu, B. Wu, G. Xu Jian and C. You Intracystic bleomycin for cystic craniopharyngiomas in children
21	<b>CSR</b>	39	2012 T. Tonia, A. Mettler, N. Robert, G. Schwarzer, J. Seidenfeld, O. Weingart, C. Hyde, A. Engert and J. Bohlius Erythropoietin or darbepoetin for patients with cancer
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25	<b>CSR</b>	43	2015 R. El Dib, L. F. Gameiro Orsi, S. P. Ogata Matheus, S. P. M6dolo Norma, G. Braz Leandro, C. Jorge Elian, P. do Nascimento Junior and V. Beletate Zinc supplementation for the prevention of type 2 diabetes mellitus in adults with insulin resistance
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- 5 **CSR** 50 2012 J. Mehrholz, J. Kugler and M. Pohl Locomotor training for walking after spinal cord injury
- 6 **CSR** 51 2013 C. Xander, J. Meerpohl Joerg, D. Galandi, S. Buroh, G. Schwarzer, G. Antes and G. Becker Pharmacological interventions for pruritus in adult palliative care patients
- 7 **CSR** 52 2011 M. Pammi and A. Abrams Steven Oral lactoferrin for the treatment of sepsis and necrotizing enterocolitis in neonates
- 8 **CSR** 53 2012 N. Eliakim-Raz, E. Robenshtok, D. Shefet, A. Gafer-Gvili, L. Vidal, M. Paul and L. Leibovici Empiric antibiotic coverage of atypical pathogens for community-acquired pneumonia in hospitalized adults
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- 10 **CSR** 55 2012 R. Evans Jennifer and G. Lawrenson John Antioxidant vitamin and mineral supplements for slowing the progression of age-related macular degeneration
- 11 **CSR** 56 2013 R. Stanton Tasha, M. Wand Benedict, B. Carr Daniel, F. Birklein, L. Wasner Gunnar and E. O'Connell Neil Local anaesthetic sympathetic blockade for complex regional pain syndrome
- 12 **CSR** 57 2011 A. Afshari, A. Wikkelsø, J. Brok, M. Møller Ann and J. Wetterslev Thrombelastography (TEG) or thromboelastometry (ROTEM) to monitor haemotherapy versus usual care in patients with massive transfusion
- 13 **CSR** 58 2012 Q. Zhou, J. Zheng, L. Yu and X. Jia Pregabalin monotherapy for epilepsy
- 14 **CSR** 59 2014 S. Kumbargere Nagraj, S. Naresh, K. Srinivas, P. Renjith George, A. Shrestha, D. Levenson and M. Ferraro Debra Interventions for the management of taste disturbances
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- 16 **CSR** 61 2012 J. Meerpohl Joerg, G. Antes, G. Rücker, N. Fleeman, E. Motschall, M. Niemeyer Charlotte and D. Bassler Deferasirox for managing iron overload in people with thalassaemia
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- 26 **CSR** 71 2012 C. Leucht, M. Huhn and S. Leucht Amitriptyline versus placebo for major depressive disorder
- 27 **CSR** 72 2012 L. Malanda Uriëll, M. C. Welschen Laura, I. Riphagen Ingrid, M. Dekker Jacqueline, G. Nijpels and D. M. Beek Sandra Self-monitoring of blood glucose in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus who are not using insulin
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5			osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis
6	<b>CSR</b>	75	2013 J. Visser, M. Snel and A. A. M. Van Vliet Huib Hormonal versus non-hormonal contraceptives in women with diabetes mellitus type 1 and 2
7	<b>CSR</b>	76	2014 M. Kleinstäuber, M. Witthöft, A. Steffanowski, H. van Marwijk, W. Hiller and J. Lambert Michael Pharmacological interventions for somatoform disorders in
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10	<b>CSR</b>	78	2015 R. Tramm, D. Ilic, R. Davies Andrew, A. Pellegrino Vincent, L. Romero and C. Hodgson Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for critically ill adults
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19			thromboelastometry (ROTEM) for trauma-induced coagulopathy in adult trauma patients with bleeding
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22	<b>CSR</b>	86	2015 A. Ali, I. Hall, J. Blickwedel and A. Hassiotis Behavioural and cognitive-behavioural interventions for outwardly-directed aggressive behaviour in people with
23	<b>CSR</b>	87	intellectual disabilities
24			2011 N. Kiwanuka Suzanne, E. Rutebemberwa, C. Nalwadda, O. Okui, F. Ssengooba, A. Kinengyere Alison and W. Pariyo George Interventions to manage dual
25	<b>CSR</b>	88	practice among health workers
26			2011 A. Vasudev, K. Macritchie, N. K. Rao Sanjay, J. Geddes and H. Young Allan Tiagabine in the maintenance treatment of bipolar disorder
27	<b>CSR</b>	89	2014 C. Daly, D. Cody June, I. Khan, S. Rabindranath Kannaiyan, L. Vale and A. Wallace Sheila Double bag on Y-set versus standard transfer systems for
28			continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis in end-stage kidney disease
29	<b>CSR</b>	90	2013 J. Saldanha Ian, O. Akinyede and A. Robinson Karen Immunosuppressive drug therapy for preventing rejection following lung transplantation in cystic fibrosis
30	<b>CSR</b>	91	2013 J. Bradt, C. Dileo and M. Shim Music interventions for preoperative anxiety
31			2012 W. Jacobs, A. Van der Gaag Niels, A. Tuschel, M. de Kleuver, W. Peul, A. J. Verbout and F. C. Oner Total disc replacement for chronic back pain in the
32	<b>CSR</b>	92	presence of disc degeneration
33			2011 A. Wakai, R. O'Sullivan and A. McCabe Intra-articular lignocaine versus intravenous analgesia with or without sedation for manual reduction of acute anterior
34	<b>CSR</b>	93	shoulder dislocation in adults
35	<b>CSR</b>	94	2013 H. Chang Zhi and Y. Liu Zhao Subintimal angioplasty for chronic lower limb arterial occlusion
36			2014 L. Moja, E. Lucenteforte, H. Kwag Koren, V. Bertele, A. Campomori, U. Chakravarthy, R. D'Amico, K. Dickerson, L. Kodjikian, K. Lindsley, Y. Loke, M. Maguire,
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38			versus ranibizumab for neovascular age-related macular degeneration
39	<b>CSR</b>	96	2013 L. Robertson and A. Roche Primary prophylaxis for venous thromboembolism in people undergoing major amputation of the lower extremity
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15	<b>CD RR</b>	476	2014 Testing vitamin B12 levels in neuropathy, alopecia, dizziness, and fatigue: a rapid review (Structured abstract)
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17	<b>CD RR</b>	478	2013 Optimal onset-to-admission interval for inpatient stroke rehabilitation: a rapid review (Structured abstract)
18	<b>CD RR</b>	479	2012 B. H. Jang, H. Y. Lee, Y. J. Jung and J. H. An Efficacy of atomoxetine and methylphenidate in attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in adults: a rapid review (Structured abstract)
19	<b>CD RR</b>	480	2013 K. Bond, L. Dennett, C. Harstall, C. Yan and A. Chuck Total prosthetic replacement of the temporomandibular joint: a rapid evidence assessment and economic analysis (Structured abstract)
20	<b>CD RR</b>	481	2013 S. Sehatzadeh Effectiveness of increased intensity of rehabilitation in post-stroke patients: a rapid review (Structured abstract)
21	<b>CD RR</b>	482	2014 Z. X. Yang, J. T. Shen, Y. P. Li, K. Zhao, C. H. Shi, Y. Xiao, J. J. Yu, W. D. Guo, C. C. Li, Y. Q. Wang and L. Li Helical tomotherapy for cancer treatment: a rapid health technology assessment (Provisional abstract)
22	<b>CD RR</b>	483	2013 S. Sehatzadeh Transient ischemic attack: where can patients receive optimal care? A rapid review (Structured abstract)
23	<b>CD RR</b>	484	2013 M. Nikitovic Intramedullary nails in comparison with sliding hip screws for intertrochanteric hip fractures: a rapid review (Structured abstract)
24	<b>CD RR</b>	485	2013 K. McMartin B-type natriuretic peptide testing: a rapid review (Structured abstract)
25	<b>CD RR</b>	486	2013 M. Nikitovic Intensity of rehabilitation during the acute hospitalization period after hip or knee arthroplasty: a rapid review (Structured abstract)
26	<b>CD RR</b>	487	2013 Criteria for switching from intravenous to oral antibiotics in patients hospitalized with community-acquired pneumonia: a rapid review (Structured abstract)
27	<b>CD RR</b>	488	2014 J. G. Duijn, L. M. Isfordink, J. A. Nij Bijvank, C. W. Stapper, A. J. Vuren, I. Wegner, M. F. Kortekaas and W. Grolman Rapid systematic review of the Epley maneuver for treating posterior canal benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (Provisional abstract)
28	<b>CD RR</b>	489	2013 S. Brener Nerve blocks for pain management in patients with hip fractures: a rapid review (Structured abstract)
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**Supplementary Table S2: Retrieved reviews of health services research, 2011 to 2015.**

	2011 (%)	2012 (%)	2013 (%)	2014 (%)	2015 (%)	Total (%)
<b>Cochrane SR</b>	64 (0.8)	115 (1.2)	121 (1.0)	119 (0.8)	114 (0.8)	533 (0.9)
Extracted	5	7	9	7	2	30
<b>SR</b>	7,746 (98.9)	9,676 (98.6)	11,860 (98.4)	14,131 (98.5)	13,573 (98.6)	56,986 (98.6)
Extracted	1	5	6	9	9	30
<b>SR total</b>	7,810 (99.7)	9,791 (99.8)	11,981 (99.4)	14,250 (99.3)	13,687 (99.4)	57,519 (99.5)
<b>RR</b>	26 (0.3)	24 (0.2)	37 (0.3)	71 (0.5)	50 (0.4)	208 (0.4)
Extracted	3	3	5	15	4	30
<b>CD RR</b>	0	1 (0)	40 (0.3)	27 (0.2)	27 (0.2)	95 (0.2)
Extracted	0	0	10	3	17	30
<b>RR total</b>	26 (0.3)	25 (0.2)	77 (0.6)	98 (0.7)	77 (0.6)	303 (0.5)
<b>Total, overall</b>	7,836 (100)	9,816 (100)	12,058 (100)	14,348 (100)	13,764 (100)	57,822 (100)
<b>Proportion All SR/RR</b>	300.4	391.6	155.6	145.4	177.8	189.8
<b>Proportion All RR/SR (<math>\cdot 10^{-3}</math>)</b>	3.3	2.6	6.4	6.9	5.6	5.3

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RR: Rapid review; SR: Systematic review; CD: Cochrane database

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## ABSTRACT

**Objective** Engaging stakeholders in reviews is considered to generate more relevant evidence and to facilitate its dissemination and use. As little is known about stakeholder involvement, we assessed the extent and characteristics of their engagement in systematic and rapid reviews. Stakeholders were defined as people with a particular interest in the research topic (but were not members of the primary research team).

**Design** Methodological review

**Search strategy** Four databases (Medline, Embase, Cochrane database of systematic reviews, databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)) were searched based on an a priori protocol. Four types of reviews (Cochrane and non-Cochrane systematic reviews, rapid and CRD rapid reviews) were retrieved between January, 2011 and October, 2015, pooled by review type and duplicates excluded. A sample of 30 reviews for each group was randomly selected resulting in a total of 120 reviews. Reporting characteristics, reporting quality using AMSTAR and factors of stakeholder involvement were assessed.

**Results** A total of 533 (0.9%) reviews were Cochrane, 56,986 (98.5%) non-Cochrane systematic reviews, 208 (0.4%) rapid reviews and 95 (0.2%) CRD reviews. We found stakeholder involvement in 13% (4/30) of Cochrane, 20% (6/30) of non-Cochrane systematic reviews, 40% (13/30) of rapid reviews and 93% (28/30) of CRD rapid reviews. Overall, 33% (17/51) of the responding contact authors mentioned, but did not specify, positive effects of stakeholder involvement. A conflict of interest statement remained unmentioned in 40% (12/30) of non-Cochrane systematic reviews and in 27% (8/30) of rapid reviews, but not in Cochrane or CRD reviews.

**Conclusion** Stakeholder engagement was not general practice in either review type (except for CRD rapid reviews), although it was more common in rapid reviews. Especially for non-Cochrane systematic reviews, there is a potential to improve reporting, such as including an a priori study protocol, or to engage stakeholders.



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5 **Keywords:** stakeholder, systematic review, rapid review, evidence  
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11 **STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS STUDY**  
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15 reviews was used to fill the gap and to provide an overview of the current situation.  
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## INTRODUCTION

Evidence synthesis remains a rapidly growing field. There are different methodological approaches and formats depending on the research question and the intended use of the review, such as scoping, systematic or rapid reviews as well as realist syntheses, policy briefs and health technology assessments. We will focus on full systematic reviews as a well-established review type in healthcare and on rapid reviews as an emerging one. A traditional full systematic review is a review that “attempts to collate all empirical evidence and that fits pre-specified eligibility criteria in order to answer a specific, usually narrow research question or intervention”. [1] Within systematic reviews, Cochrane full systematic reviews were established as “gold standard” in knowledge synthesis. A couple of studies compared Cochrane and non-Cochrane systematic reviews and found that the reporting of Cochrane systematic reviews was the most complete one [2], that they were less prone to bias due to greater transparency in reporting as well as due to the quality criteria used, such as the risk of bias assessment [3]. Furthermore, Hopewell et al. described that the inclusion of grey literature routinely performed in Cochrane systematic reviews limited publication bias and provided more conservative treatment effects compared to non-Cochrane systematic reviews without including grey literature. [4]

Rapid reviews are characterized by a less complex research question and aim to synthesize evidence within a shorter time period, with time frames ranging from one week to nine months. [5, 6] They might, therefore, be prone to be of lower validity as a consequence of accelerating and streamlining the review process. [5] However, in response to an increasing demand from stakeholders, rapid reviews are being performed more frequently than before. [6] Only few formal definitions of different rapid reviews exist and few studies have examined their methodology. [7] To contribute to fill this gap, the Cochrane Rapid Reviews Method Group was established in 2015. To cover the variety of rapid reviews we included rapid reviews listed in medical databases as well as other rapid reviews from the databases of the University of York,

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3 Center for Reviews and Dissemination ([www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb](http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb)), such as the Dare  
4 reviews (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects) or health technology assessments (CRD  
5 rapid reviews). Rapid reviews target specific audiences including government policymakers,  
6 health care institutions, health professionals and patient associations and research questions  
7 are often tailored to these stakeholders .[8, 9]  
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15 Stakeholder as a very broad term may include anyone affected by an issue and/or anyone  
16 who can provide input on the topic.[10, 11] Hence, not only decision makers, health  
17 professionals and their organisations are targeted, but also citizen or patients, other researchers  
18 and the media. Involving stakeholders in health research might be possible at all stages of  
19 systematic or rapid reviews and this is often referred to as coproduction. Hence, stakeholder  
20 engagement aims participatory research and might include directing the research question,  
21 defining the scope and context of the review as well as contributing to the literature search, the  
22 evidence synthesis and interpretation and facilitating dissemination and use. Therefore, it  
23 enhances the relevance of findings for policy and practice and contributes to the sustainability of  
24 health systems.[12-14] We especially focused on stakeholder involvement among health  
25 services research. This embraced the multidisciplinary field of scientific studies regarding social,  
26 financing and personal factors, organizational structures and processes, health technologies,  
27 and how these factors affect access to, the quality and cost of health care, and ultimately, our  
28 health and well-being".[15] Here, we considered the context of conducted studies and  
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### 53 **Study aim**

54 To date, little is known about the extent of stakeholder engagement in systematic and  
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56 stakeholder involvement in reviews. We consider this information to be relevant for integrated  
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3 knowledge translation, the dissemination and acceptance of systematic and rapid reviews in  
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5 types of evidence synthesis and are well-established in research and practice. In addition,  
6 reviews needed to belong to the area of health services research as an established field for  
7 systematic and rapid reviews as well as a best-case sample with a considerable extent of  
8 stakeholder involvement. We aimed to assess the extent and characteristics of stakeholder  
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## 22 **METHODS**

### 23 **Study design**

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26 Based on the pre-specified protocol this methodological review was performed to assess  
27 characteristics and reporting of stakeholder engagement in random samples of systematic and  
28 rapid reviews in the field of health services research (Supplementary File S1). A total of four  
29 types of reviews, two groups of each, systematic and rapid reviews, were assessed as they  
30 were considered to exhibit potentially differences in stakeholder involvement. This included  
31 Cochrane systematic reviews, non-Cochrane systematic reviews, rapid reviews and rapid  
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### 48 **Search strategy and screening**

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50 For systematic reviews, we searched the Cochrane database of systematic reviews for  
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53 abstract (non-Cochrane systematic reviews). Rapid reviews were searched in EBSCO Medline  
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4 are depicted in Supplementary Files S3a and S3b. We included studies published between  
5 January, 2011 and December, 2015 without language restriction. Our search was completed on  
6 October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and therefore, the search results for 2015 did not cover the whole year. All  
7 results were pooled by review type and duplicates were excluded based on authors, journal and  
8 publication year. For each of the four lists of study types, each reference was given a unique  
9 random number using the `sample()` function available in R [16]. Each list was then sorted by the  
10 random number, and the articles were screened in order for inclusion and exclusion criteria by  
11 two reviewers (JF following introduction and spot-checking by MM) until a total of 30 studies  
12 were reached per group. Full text screening was performed to ensure the decision. One review  
13 author (JF) performed data extraction, supervised and spot-checked by a second researcher  
14 (MM). Disagreements were resolved by consensus.

### 30 **Sample size and selection of review groups**

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32 As rapid reviews were often targeted to specific audiences [8, 9], they were expected to  
33 involve stakeholders to a greater extent. We estimated a proportion of stakeholder involvement  
34 of 0.70 for rapid reviews and of 0.25 for systematic reviews, which resulted in a minimal  
35 expected difference of 0.45. For a two group-comparison, rapid and systematic reviews, with  
36  $n=25$  per group there will be an estimated power of 0.88 and an alpha of 0.023. To account for  
37 a potential subgroup analysis, we included a sample of  $n=30$  reviews per group, with four  
38 review groups (Cochrane and non-Cochrane systematic reviews, rapid and CRD rapid reviews).  
39 This resulted in an overall sample of 120 studies.

### 51 **Inclusion and exclusion criteria**

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53 We included reviews targeting health services research as defined by Lohr [15]: "Health  
54 services research is the multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that studies how social  
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3 ultimately, our health and well-being. Its research domains are individuals, families,  
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5 Technology Assessments (e.g. rapid reviews as part of HTAs) targeting effectiveness as well as  
6 meta-analyses and systematic reviews for effectiveness and utility, reviews of pharmaceutical  
7 trials under everyday conditions, reviews of basic research in care-related fields, reviews of  
8 quality research or of methodological developments in the field of health services research,  
9 reviews about the development and application of new technologies (ehealth) and the  
10 implementation of knowledge into clinical practice. We excluded reviews that focused  
11 exclusively on economic or cost analyses, performed a narrative review, an overview of reviews  
12 or a protocol of a systematic review in order not to mix so different methodological approaches.  
13 The following study types were also excluded: Reviews of efficacy studies without assessing the  
14 quality of life, reviews including clinical efficacy trials phase I to III, epidemiological reviews to  
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### 35 **Data extraction**

36 Stakeholders were defined as people with a particular interest in the research topic (but  
37 were not members of the primary research team).[10, 17] We evaluated any kind of stakeholder  
38 involvement and recorded different groups of stakeholders: Institutional health care providers,  
39 representatives of hospitals or community services, patients/consumers, participants of  
40 government agencies and health care policymakers at Federal, State and local levels,  
41 associations of health professionals and researchers (if not members of the primary study team).  
42 If available, we identified their fields and stages of involvement as well as their contribution to  
43 the study. This included all review steps, such as formulating the research question(s),  
44 determining study characteristics, contributing to the writing of the protocol, participating within  
45 the review process with searching, screening, data extraction, synthesizing, interpreting the  
46 study results and/or establishing recommendations. In addition, we extracted the following data:  
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5 included articles was assessed using the AMSTAR tool, a measurement tool for the  
6 assessment of the methodological quality of systematic reviews.[18] Where available, our rating  
7 was compared with an already existing one from the “health evidence” or “health systems  
8 evidence” platforms.[19, 20] Both quality ratings were then categorized as strong ( $\geq 8$ ), moderate  
9 (4-7) or weak ( $< 4$ ). In the absence of a quality assessment tool for rapid reviews, we used  
10 AMSTAR also for rapid reviews, being aware that this might result in lower rating scores due to  
11 abbreviated procedures. In addition, the use of the PRISMA checklist was recorded when  
12 mentioned in the articles.[21] AMSTAR ratings are presented as Supplementary file S4, study  
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26 To ascertain stakeholder engagement as well as to assess the extent or stages of their  
27 involvement, pre-formulated questions were sent by email to the contact authors of the included  
28 articles. We asked them, if there had been any stakeholder involvement (yes or no) and if so, to  
29 specify the number of stakeholders, the stages of involvement and their self-assessed  
30 estimation of the effect of stakeholder engagement on the review outcome. In case of missing  
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41 **Patient and Public involvement** None involved.

## 42 43 44 45 46 **RESULTS**

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48 Our search identified 57,822 citations remaining after exclusion of duplicates. 533 (0.9%)  
49 of them were categorized as Cochrane systematic reviews, 56,986 (98.6%) as non-Cochrane  
50 systematic reviews, 95 (0.2%) as CRD rapid reviews and 208 (0.4%) as rapid reviews. A total of  
51 227 non-Cochrane systematic reviews (0.4%), 128 Cochrane systematic reviews (24%), 165  
52 rapid reviews (79.3%) and 89 CRD rapid reviews (93.7%) had to be screened to get the study  
53 sample.[22-141] Therefore, 197 non-Cochrane systematic reviews, 98 Cochrane systematic  
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reviews, 135 rapid reviews and 59 CRD rapid reviews were excluded following title and abstract screening, because they did not meet the inclusion criteria. (Supplementary Table S1). Figure 1 presents the flow diagram of study inclusion.

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**Table 1**

**Characteristics of included reviews by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>Non-Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>RR (%)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Total number of records</b>	533	56,986	208	95	57,822
<b>Random sample (% of total)</b>	30 (6)	30 (0.1)	30 (14)	30 (32)	120 (0.2)
<b>Geographic location of the corresponding author (% of random sample)</b>					
Africa	2 (7)	0	0	0	2 (2)
Asia	5 (17)	3 (10)	1 (3)	0	9 (8)
Australia	3 (10)	5 (17)	2 (7)	0	10 (8)
Europe	11 (37)	13 (43)	13 (43)	2 (7)	39 (33)
North America	7 (23)	8 (27)	14 (47)	28 (93)	57 (48)
South America	2 (7)	1 (3)	0	0	3 (3)
<b>Thematic focus</b>					
Prevention	11 (37)	5 (17)	4 (13)	7 (23)	27 (23)
Treatment	18 (60)	14 (47)	15 (50)	16 (53)	63 (53)



Health system	1 (3)	2 (7)	7 (23)	7 (23)	17 (14)
Community-based <sup>1</sup>	0	9 (30)	4 (13)	0	13 (11)
<b>Funding</b>					
Governmental, institutional or WHO	30 (100)	30 (100)	30 (100)	30 (100)	120 (100)
Additional funding by company	0	0	1 (3)	0	1 (1)
<b>Conflict of interest (COI)</b>					
Declared none	21 (70)	15 (50)	19 (63)	29 (97)	84 (70)
COI declared	9 (30)	3 (10)	3 (10)	0	15 (13)
Unmentioned	0	12 (40)	8 (27)	1 (3)	21 (18)
<b>Study protocol</b>					
Yes, mentioned in article	30 (100)	5 (17)	4 (13)	1 (3)	40 (33)
Yes, mentioned in correspondence	0	8 (27)	9 (30)	0	17 (14)
No, confirmed by correspondence	0	2 (7)	4 (13)	0	6 (5)
Unmentioned	0	15 (50)	13 (43)	29 (97)	57 (48)
<b>AMSTAR rating</b>					
Median (range)	11 (7, 11)	7 (3, 11)	4 (2, 10)	8 (5, 11)	8 (2, 11)

With exclusion of treatment or preventive interventions

AMSTAR: measurement tool for the “assessment of the methodological quality of systematic reviews”, not applicable questions were not counted. Higher AMSTAR scores indicate higher quality.

SR: systematic review; RR: rapid review; CRD: databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; WHO: World Health Organisation.

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Table 1 presents the characteristics of the included studies. Cochrane systematic reviews generally focused on the prevention and treatment of specific conditions, whereas 30% of non-Cochrane systematic reviews were categorized with a community-based topic, with a wide range of participants and possible outcomes and a broader range of study settings. Of note, 23% of each, rapid reviews and CRD rapid reviews, were categorized as health system intervention, because they focused on methodological questions or health quality research. We detected noticeable differences when comparing the median AMSTAR scores: Cochrane systematic reviews and CRD rapid reviews showed higher median scores than non-Cochrane systematic reviews and rapid reviews. Where available, we also collected existing AMSTAR ratings from the “health evidence” or “health systems evidence” platforms. For 68% (13/19 study ratings) we found a congruent classification as strong, moderate or weak, respectively (Supplementary File S4). In non-Cochrane reviews information about methodological specifications of included studies were often lacking. As an example, all 30 Cochrane systematic reviews (100%) mentioned a pre-existing review protocol, whereas 7% of non-Cochrane systematic reviews and 13% of rapid reviews did not report any protocol and a considerable amount of non-Cochrane systematic reviews (50%) and rapid reviews (43%) did not clarify if there had been a protocol or not. Similarly, all 30 Cochrane systematic reviews and all but one CRD rapid reviews (97%) included a conflict of interest statement, whereas 40% of non-Cochrane systematic reviews and 27% of rapid reviews lacked such a paragraph. All reviews were funded by national or international governmental or institutional sources. Only one rapid review reported the acceptance of additional funding from a pharmaceutical company. Characteristics of the study population by type of included review are presented in the Supplementary Table S2.

**Table 2****General characteristics of stakeholder involvement (SI) by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Non- Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Total (%) (N=120)</b>
SI mentioned in article	2 (7)	2 (7)	6 (20)	28 (93)	38 (32)
SI only mentioned in correspondence	2 (7)	4 (13)	7 (23)	0	13 (11)
<b>Total SI</b>	<b>4 (13)</b>	<b>6 (20)</b>	<b>13 (43)</b>	<b>28 (93)</b>	<b>51 (43)</b>
<b>SI per year</b>					
2011	0/5 (0)	0/1 (0)	0/3 (0)	0/0 (0)	0/9 (0)
2012	3/7 (43)	1/5 (20)	1/3 (33)	0/0 (0)	5/15 (33)
2013	0/9 (0)	0/6 (0)	3/5 (60)	9/10 (90)	12/30 (40)
2014	1/7 (14)	3/9 (30)	6/15 (40)	2/3 (67)	12/34 (35)
2015	0/2 (0)	2/9 (22)	3/4 (75)	17/17 (100)	22/32 (69)
<b>Number of stakeholders involved per review (% of SI)</b>					
1	2 (50)	2 (33)	2 (15)	0	6 (12)
2-4	1 (25)	1 (17)	4 (31)	2 (7)	8 (16)
>4	1 (25)	3 (50)	4 (31)	26 (93)	34 (67)
Unspecified	0	0	3 (23)	0	3 (6)
<b>Types of stakeholders (multiple roles possible) (% of SI)</b>					

Patients/consumers	2 (50)	0	2 (15)	5 (18)	9 (18)
Professional organisations	1 (25)	0	0	5 (18)	6 (12)
Caregivers	2 (50)	0	3 (23)	23 (82)	28 (55)
Researchers	1 (25)	3 (50)	2 (15)	0	6 (12)
Policymakers	0	3 (50)	4 (31)	3 (11)	10 (20)
Unspecified	0	0	2 (15)	4 (14)	6 (12)
<b>Funding source (% of SI)</b>					
Governmental or institutional funding	4 (100)	6 (100)	13 (100)	28 (100)	51 (100)
Funding source involved as stakeholder	0	1 (17)	2 (15)	0	3 (6)
<b>Thematic focus (% per review type per topic)</b>					
Prevention	0/11 (0)	0/5 (0)	1/4 (25)	6/7 (86)	7/27 (26)
Treatment	4/18 (22)	3/14 (21)	6/15 (40)	16/16 (100)	29/63 (46)
Health system	0/1 (0)	1/2 (50)	5/7 (71)	6/7 (86)	12/17 (71)
Community-based	0/0 (0)	2/9 (22)	1/4 (25)	0/0 (0)	3/13 (23)

CRD: databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; SR: systematic review; RR: rapid review; SI: stakeholder involvement

Any stakeholder involvement was mentioned in 13% of Cochrane systematic reviews, 20% of non-Cochrane systematic reviews, 43% of rapid reviews and 93% of CRD rapid reviews. Except for CRD rapid reviews, where the involvement of stakeholders was routinely reported in the methods or appendix section, about half of the stakeholder involvement was reported in the articles and the other half was confirmed via email by contact authors and remained unmentioned in the reviews. With 67% the email response rate was highest for rapid reviews. When comparing the amount of stakeholder involvement in different review topics, there were

notable differences: The proportion of stakeholder involvement in reviews focusing on prevention or treatment of specific conditions was lower than in those targeting health system interventions. Interestingly, the proportion of stakeholder involvement has been quite constant between the years 2012 (5/15, 33%) and 2014 (12/34, 34%) even though the amount of rapid reviews has increased exponentially (Table 2). There was, however, a remarkable increase in the proportion of stakeholder involvement for the year 2015 (22/32, 69%), but this was mostly due to the fact that a majority of CRD rapid reviews, which presented the highest proportion of stakeholder involvement, was indexed in 2015.

CRD rapid reviews turned out to have by far the highest proportion of reported stakeholder involvement. The types of stakeholders engaged were listed in the appendix of 26/30 articles, but it was not specified what they had specifically contributed to the review, e.g. if their contribution had affected the final results and conclusions of the reviews (Table 3). One author mentioned in the review that the reason for involving stakeholders was to understand the clinical perspective.

**Table 3**

**Engagement characteristics of stakeholder involvement (SI) by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Non- Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Total (%) (N=120)</b>
<b>Stages of SI (multiple stages possible) (% of SI)</b>					
Research question	1 (25)	1 (17)	4 (31)	0	6 (12)
Study characteristics	0	0	6 (46)	0	6 (12)
Protocol writing	0	1 (17)	2 (15)	0	3 (6)

Review process	3 (75)	1 (17)	5 (38)	0	9 (18)
Interpretation of findings	0	1 (17)	1 (8)	0	2 (4)
Result synthesis	0	0	2 (15)	0	2 (4)
Multiple or all stages	1 (25)	2 (33)	1 (8)	28 (100)	32 (63)
Unspecified	0	2 (33)	1 (8)	0	3 (6)
<b>Reasons mentioned for SI (% of SI)</b>					
Stakeholder commissioned / requested review	0	1 (17)	4 (31)	0	5 (10)
To get consumer feedback	1 (25)	0	0	0	1 (2)
To refine research question	1 (25)	0	0	0	1 (2)
To make the review more relevant for target audience	2 (50)	0	8 (62)	0	10 (20)
To understand clinical perspective	0	1 (17)	0	1 (4)	2 (4)
Unspecified	0	4 (67)	1 (7)	27 (96)	32 (63)
<b>Effect of SI mentioned by authors (% of SI)</b>					
Substantial or positive effect	2 (50)	4 (67)	11 (85)	0	17 (33)
Negative effect	0	0	0	0	0
No effect mentioned	2 (50)	2 (33)	2 (15)	28 (100)	34 (67)
Explicit encouragement for involving stakeholders in further studies (% of reviews)	0	1 (3)	1 (3)	1 (3)	3 (2)

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5 stakeholders to make the review more relevant for its target audience, one author claimed that  
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## 18 **DISCUSSION**

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20 The involvement of stakeholders varies by review type. Our findings suggest that rapid  
21 reviews tend to involve stakeholders more than twice as frequently than systematic reviews. On  
22 average, they also involved a greater number of stakeholders per review. In addition, we  
23 detected considerable differences in the phases in which stakeholders were involved. Rapid  
24 reviews involved them at very early stages of the review process, such as determining the  
25 intentional study characteristics or formulating the research question. Furthermore, it seemed to  
26 be much more common for policymakers, who were the most frequent group of stakeholders  
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39 Of note, the majority of rapid and non-Cochrane systematic review authors reported that  
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43 review process, may illustrate that the stakeholders' contribution to non-Cochrane systematic  
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15 be sent, the rate of unmentioned stakeholder involvement might still be higher than our numbers  
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24 Although when using a broad definition of the term “stakeholder” including everyone with  
25 a particular interest in the research topic (but who are not members of the primary research  
26 team), this term was not consistently used by contact authors. In their emails, some authors  
27 listed peer reviewers as stakeholders or one author erroneously mentioned members of the  
28 research team, who performed literature research and data extraction as stakeholders. In  
29 addition, interdisciplinary knowledge exchange is an important part of evidence-based research,  
30 but there is a difference whether experts from other fields were included as researchers in the  
31 study team or whether they were considered as stakeholders. We did not count any experts or  
32 peer reviewers as stakeholders, Furthermore, discussion is needed, whether the funding body  
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50 The reported involvement of stakeholders corresponded with Cottrell et al. who  
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12 standardized procedures for involving stakeholders in evidence synthesis. Keown et al.  
13 identified five opportunities in the systematic review process, where potential stakeholders could  
14 be engaged on a regular base.[143] The CRD rapid reviews included were mainly performed by  
15 Health Quality Ontario (Canada) and routinely held expert panels, including physicians,  
16 caregivers and sometimes, consumer representatives and professional organisations. The fact  
17 that they included stakeholders on a regular basis might confirm, what Keown et al [143] had  
18 already suggested: the engagement of audience members interested in or affected by the  
19 investigated topic definitively resulted in more benefits than limitations. We, therefore, suggest  
20 that future researcher involve stakeholders more broadly in the process of evidence synthesis,  
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## 24 **Legend Figure 1**

### 25 **Flow diagram of study selection.**

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## Supplementary files

**File S1. Study protocol**

**File S2. PRISMA checklist**

**File S3a. Search strategy for systematic reviews in EBSCO Medline**

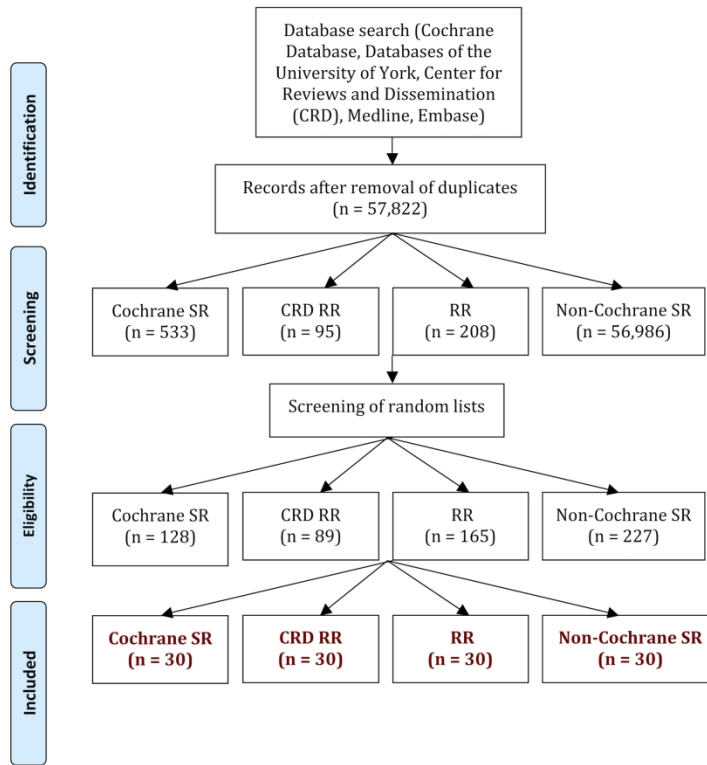
**File S3b. Search strategy for rapid reviews in Embase**

**File S4. Data extraction file: AMSTAR ratings**

**File S5. Data extraction file: Study characteristics**

**Table S1. References of excluded studies**

**Table S2. Characteristics of the study population by type of included review**



Flow diagram of study selection.  
 CRD: Databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; RR: rapid review; SR: systematic review

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# Stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews of health services research

Protocol version 2

## 1. Background

### *Description of full systematic reviews (SR) and rapid reviews (RR)*

According to the Cochrane handbook (1), a traditional systematic review is a review that “attempts to collate all empirical evidence that fits pre-specified eligibility criteria in order to answer a specific research question. It uses explicit, systematic methods that are selected with a view to minimizing bias, thus providing more reliable findings from which conclusions can be drawn and decisions made”. While systematic reviews are considered to be the gold standard in knowledge synthesis, they are not without their limitations. For example, they usually require between 6 months and 2 years to complete and often focus on a narrow clinical question or set of questions. (2)

The key characteristics of a systematic review are (a) a clearly stated set of objectives with an explicit, reproducible methodology; (b) a systematic search that attempts to identify all studies that would meet the eligibility criteria; (c) an assessment of the validity of the findings of the included studies (e.g., assessment of risk of bias and confidence in cumulative estimates); and (d) systematic presentation, and synthesis, of the characteristics and findings of the included studies. (3) Systematic reviews should build on a protocol that describes the rationale, hypothesis, and planned methods of the review; few reviews report whether a protocol exists. Detailed, well-described protocols can facilitate the understanding and appraisal of the review methods, as well as the detection of modifications to methods and selective reporting in completed reviews (4).

Full systematic reviews (SR) and rapid reviews (RR) are two types of systematic reviews. They are often distinguished by the shorter time frame needed to produce a RR final report as well as by its less complex research topic (5): “Rapid reviews streamline traditional systematic review methods in order to synthesize evidence within a shortened timeframe” (6). As shown by Watt et al. RR did not have to be inherently inferior to SR despite “axiomatic differences” (7). He found that their conclusions did not differ much for similar research questions. However, SRs included methodologically more broader information, e.g. on economic evaluations or health service impact as well as more in-depth results, e.g. on clinical outcomes (8).

For SRs comprehensive guidance exists, e.g. based on the Cochrane Handbook (1). On the other hand, there is no standardized methodology for RRs and needs for at minimum increased transparency in reporting have been identified (5, 7).

RRs were often considered to target specific policy questions or to be tailored to a mandate or to the intended end-users (7). Therefore, they are often performed to inform decision making or commissioned by health policy makers.

Description of format contents: PICO or according to PRISMA.

### ***Description of stakeholder involvement***

Stakeholders represent decision- and policy-makers and institutions responsible for the selection and implementation of health policies, HTAs, guidelines or end-users. Experts in the respective field are not considered as stakeholders except if they contribute in the policy-planning as described above. It is also known that stakeholders often represent more than one perspective. Concannon et al. described the 7Ps of stakeholders: patients and the public, providers, purchasers, payers, policy makers, product makers, principal investigators (9)

The U.S. EHC Program defined a “stakeholder” as a person or group with a vested interest in a particular clinical decision and the evidence that supports that decision, including:

- Patients, caregivers, and patient advocacy organizations
- Clinicians and their professional associations
- Institutional health care providers, such as hospital systems and medical clinics
- Government agencies
- Purchasers and payers, such as employers and public and private insurers
- Health care industry representatives
- Health care policymakers at the Federal, State and local levels
- Health care researchers and research institutions.

In general stakeholders might be engaged in evidence prioritization, e.g. proposing the title of a systematic review, setting research priorities, in evidence generation, such as performing trials and observational studies, in evidence synthesis, e.g. SR, RR, meta-analysis, in evidence integration, such as modeling, mapping gaps and evidence or cost effectiveness or in evidence dissemination and application, e.g. implementation formats or feedback assessment . Therefore, engagement of stakeholders may not only direct the targeted research topics but also influence the quality and dissemination of study results (9).

At what stages stakeholders can be involved in during the systematic review process? Cottrell et al. identified six categories where the systematic review might benefit: establishing credibility, anticipating controversy, ensuring transparency and accountability, improving relevance and enhancing quality as well as increasing dissemination and uptake of systematic review findings (10). Several challenges to involve stakeholders were determined. They include limited time and resources, skills of researcher to engage stakeholders, finding the right people, balancing multiple inputs and understanding the most appropriate time in the review process to engage different types of stakeholders (10). On the other hand, factors for successful stakeholder engagement included a-priori clarification of the expectations, the roles, types of activities, early engagement in the process, ongoing relationships to build trust and credibility, equality of different stakeholders, tentative inclusion of a trained facilitator and sensitivity to tight timelines (11).

Methods for identifying, selecting, contacting and engaging stakeholders might differ.

Furthermore, characteristics of stakeholders themselves are important, e.g. their intensity and modes of engagement may vary according to their interests and expectations, their roles and

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3 their level of power and influence (11). To date there have been few efforts to measure the  
4 benefits/tradeoffs of specific stakeholder engagement processes or differing approaches to  
5 selecting and engaging differing stakeholder types (10-13).  
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8 Of all phases of the systematic review, the topic refinement and developing the key questions  
9 was repeatedly identified as the point where stakeholder engagement yielded the greatest  
10 benefit (10).  
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### 13 14 ***Definition of health services research***

15 See Appendix 1.  
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### 18 19 ***Relevance of this study***

20 Systematic reviews may benefit from involving stakeholders, but less is known about the  
21 practice, e.g. the proportion of involved stakeholders in recently published SRs and RRs and  
22 their type(s) and benefits of engagement in the process of a SR or RR. This information is  
23 considered to be relevant for the implementation and/or acceptance of SRs and RRs.  
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## 29 **2. Objectives**

30 Our aims are to assess, reflect and compare the current international practice of involving  
31 stakeholders in published full systematic reviews (SR) and in rapid reviews (RR) in the field of  
32 health services research.  
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## 36 37 **3. Methods**

### 38 39 ***Sample size considerations***

40 Sample size considerations are guided by practical reasons and resources available. As the  
41 power of the two proportions is expected to be sufficiently high anyway, due to the big expected  
42 difference of the two proportions reporting stakeholder involvement. We consider a proportion  
43 of 0.70 for RRs and of 0.25 for SRs. This results in a minimal expected difference of 0.45.  
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47 Two groups with N=25 per group show an estimated power of 0.88 and an alpha of 0.023.

48 To account for potential subgroup analysis, we include a sample of N=30 systematic reviews per  
49 group, with 4 groups (SRs, RRs and Cochrane SRs, Cochrane additional database RRs). This  
50 allows us to include a maximum of six predictors in the analysis when we perform two-group  
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54 We will proceed according to the STROBE guidelines as far as they are applicable.  
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### 58 59 ***Groups to be studied ("study population")***

60 *Full systematic reviews:*

Two groups will be studied:

1. Full systematic reviews in general: self-declaration as SR within the title or Methods section of the article or registration as such in the databases searched.
2. Cochrane systematic reviews: SRs are performed according to the Cochrane handbook (1). They are registered, supervised and released within a Cochrane Review Group. They represent the gold standard.

These two groups are selected as they are expected to differ with respect to their transparency of conduct and quality assessment.

#### *Rapid reviews:*

Rapid reviews articles will be identified on the basis of the respective self-declaration within the title, Methods section of the abstract or registration as such in the databases searched.

As there is heterogeneity regarding methodology, different terms might be used, e.g. rapid review, rapid method, rapid evidence, rapid synthesis or evidence summary.

#### *Inclusion criteria:*

- titled as systematic review or rapid review or reported as such in the objective or method section of the abstract, respectively, or registered as such in the database searched
- studies including rapid review methodology as one part of the overall study
- published between January, 2011 and December, 2015 (it is most crucial to be sure to include sufficient RRs)
- targeting a health services research topic as included in the title or abstract of the article based on the definition provided in Appendix 1

#### *Exclusion criteria:*

- designed to assess exclusively economic or cost analysis as described in the title or abstract
- performing a review or overview of reviews
- describing a protocol of a systematic review
- efficacy studies, clinical trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, economic analyses, non-human studies, establishment of databases or registries
- unclear design or description of the intervention

The inclusion and exclusion criteria are presented in Appendix 2.

#### ***Targeted stakeholders***

We will assess any kind of stakeholder involvement. In addition we will record the following groups of stakeholders:

- Institutional health care providers, such as hospitals and community services

- Government agencies
- Health care policymakers at the Federal, State and local levels

## 4. Outcomes

### *Primary outcomes:*

- to assess any kind of stakeholder involvement: yes or no
- to assess type(s) of stakeholders involved, e.g. decision- or policy-maker, experts involved in policy-planning, such as institutional health care providers or community services
- to determine phase(s)-related contribution(s) of stakeholders, e.g. developing the research question, literature search, study relevance (quality assessment), formulating or judging recommendations etc.

in recently published SRs and RRs.

### *Secondary outcomes:*

- to evaluate some potential predictors: type and topic of included studies, study population, setting (individual, population group, population, policy) and overall quality score
- to assess reported adverse effects or barriers of stakeholder involvement
- to verify stakeholder involvement
- to report publication issues, such as presence of a review protocol, institutional background of the authors, e.g. specialized in evidence synthesis, year of publication, stakeholder included as key word, dissemination information

## 5. Data collection

### *Databases to be searched:*

- The following databases will be searched:  
Biomedical/Health: Ovid Medline, Embase. Within the search strategy Cochrane SRs will be excluded.
- Cochrane library (for Cochrane SRs) and Cochrane additional databases (for RRs, e.g. DARE reviews, named as CD RR)

The search strategy will be presented in Appendix 1.

### *Selection of studies*

Following the searches in the targeted databases all results of the corresponding systematic review type (SR, RR, Cochrane SR, CD RR) will be pooled and duplicates excluded. These lists will be ordered randomly using the statistical program package R and will be exported to an excel file. The resulting lists will enter the study screening.

### ***Screening of studies***

In consecutive order, the randomly ordered references of each group of systematic reviews (SR, RR, Cochrane) will be checked for the general information and the inclusion and exclusion criteria (Appendix 2) until a total of 30 studies are included for each group.

One review authors (JF) will independently screen titles and abstracts for general information, inclusion and exclusion, cross-checked by MM. Inconsistencies or disagreement will be resolved through discussion and with consultation of another review author (MP) where necessary. The process of study selection will be carefully recorded in order to complete the PRISMA-flow diagram.

### ***Data extraction and management***

We will use a data collection form for study characteristics and outcome data which has been piloted on two reviews, one SR and one RR. One author, JF, performs full text extraction, supervised and spot-checked by a second researcher, MM. Within the full text article every step of the review will be checked for stakeholder involvement. We will resolve disagreements by consensus or by involving a third review author (MP).

Regarding Cochrane SRs, the protocol (and not the full text article) will be checked for stakeholder involvement as the protocol is relevant for performing the SR.

In addition to the screening form in Appendix 2 we will extract the following data:

- Institution performing the systematic review and contact details of the corresponding author
- Specific topic and intervention within the field of health services research
- Setting: population, population group, individual, policy; major characteristics of the population (overall N, age range or groups, sex)
- Funding for systematic review and notable conflicts of interest of authors
- Stakeholder involvement: any, number, type(s) and phase(s) of involvement, mentioned as key word
- Methodological quality assessment using the AMSTAR tool

All data will enter an Excel file.

To confirm the presented stakeholder involvement and to ask for reasons, whether benefits of stakeholder involvement were measured and about dissemination, the contact author of the included articles will be contacted by emails with pre-formulated questions. It will be indicated that this information will be used for a publication but only summarized and anonymously.

Contact authors will be sent one reminder in case of missing responses.

If feasible, two experts in the field will be contacted to review and comment this protocol and to contribute to the final article in order to ensure generalizability and transparency.

We will conduct this study according to this protocol and report deviations from it in the 'Differences between protocol and review' section.

### Potential for bias conducting this overview

- selection bias, e.g. regarding year of publication, no search for grey literature
- reporting bias, e.g. incomplete reporting, no study protocol

## 6. Data analysis

There will be a narrative description of the synthesis.

We will assess the overall proportion of stakeholder involvement as well as within subgroups and according to the outcomes described. We will compare the proportion of stakeholders involved between groups using the non-parametric Wilcoxon rank sum test.

The results of the AMSTAR assessment will be entered as a score.

### Differences between protocol and review

Will be listed if applicable.

### Conflicts of interest

None.

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## Appendix 1: Definition of health services research and search strategy (Ovid Medline)

### *Search strategy*

#### **Systematic reviews:**

- Cochrane Database: "systematic review" (title or abstract)
- Ovid Medline and Embase: "systematic review" (ti, ab), excluding "Cochrane" in title or abstract.
- No language restriction
- Published between January, 2011 and December, 2015

#### **Rapid reviews:**

- Terms: "rapid systematic review", "rapid review", "rapid evidence assessment" or "rapid health technology assessment" in title or abstract
- No language restriction
- Published between January, 2011 and December, 2015

### *Definition of health services research*

#### **No longer available:**

**Fields of health services research as defined by the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMW)** (<http://www.samw.ch/de/Forschung/Versorgungsforschung/Kriterien.html>):

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[www.bundesaerztekammer.de/page.asp?his=0.6.3289.3293.3295&all=true](http://www.bundesaerztekammer.de/page.asp?his=0.6.3289.3293.3295&all=true)

#### **Replaced by:**

Lohr KN, Steinwachs DM. Health services research: an evolving definition of the field. *Health Serv Res.* 2002;37(1):7-9. PubMed PMID: 11949927:

"Health services research is the multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that studies how social factors, financing systems, organizational structures and processes, health technologies, and personal behaviors affect access to health care, the quality and cost of health care, and ultimately, our health and well-being. Its research domains are individuals, families, organizations, institutions, communities, and populations."

Health Technology Assessments (HTAs) targeting effectiveness as well as meta-analyses and systematic reviews for effectiveness and utility, pharmaceutical trials under everyday conditions, basic research in care-related fields, quality research, methodological developments in the field of health services research, the development and application of new technologies (e-health) and the implementation of knowledge into the clinical practice were included. We excluded studies that focused exclusively on economic or cost analyses, performed a narrative review, an overview of reviews or a protocol of a systematic review. Efficacy studies without assessing the quality of life, clinical efficacy trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, non-human studies, establishment of databases or registries, studies with unclear design or description of the intervention were also excluded.

## Appendix 2: Screening of general information and check for inclusion and exclusion

### General information

Study ID:	Report ID:	Data form completed:
First author:	Year of study:	Version number:
Citation:		
Publication type (specify):		

### Inclusion and exclusion criteria

#### A) For full systematic reviews

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article titled as systematic review or designed as such in the method section of the abstract or registered as such within the database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

**To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.**

Exclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled?	
	Yes	No
Does the article investigate efficacy or describes clinical trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, non-human studies or the establishment of databases or registries as described in the title or the objective or methods section of the abstract?		
Does the article exclusively describe an economic assessment or cost analysis in the title or abstract?		
Does the article describe an overview or review of reviews within the title or abstract?		
Does the article describe a protocol of a systematic review?		

Is the design or the intervention of the article unclear?		
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**To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with No.**

### B) For rapid reviews

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article titled as rapid review, rapid method or rapid synthesis or designed as such in the method section of the abstract or registered as such within the database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

**To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.**

The exclusion criteria are the same as described in A).

### C) For Cochrane systematic reviews

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article registered and published as Cochrane systematic review within the Cochrane database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

**To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.**

The exclusion criteria are the same as described in A).

## Appendix 3: Data extraction for full text assessment

### Variables to be assessed (excel file):

- Study type (Cochrane SR, SR, RR, CD RR), Study ID, Report ID
- First study author, contact details of corresponding author, country, mail contact
- Reference citation
- Year of study (publication), version (update or first review)
- Initials of data extractor, initials of people who cross-checked extraction
- Study protocol mentioned, PRISMA checklist used
- Specific review topic, thematic focus, type of intervention, setting
- Study population: size, type, age range of participants included, sex
- Funding source, Conflict of interest statement
- Stakeholder involvement (SI): SI mentioned, SI as key word, number of stakeholders involved, types, stages involved, reasons for SI mentioned, effects of SI mentioned,
- Amstar rating, comparison of rating (Health evidence/health system evidence)

### AMSTAR – a measurement tool to assess the methodological quality of systematic reviews.

#### 1. Was an 'a priori' design provided?

The research question and inclusion criteria should be established before the conduct of the review.

*Note: Need to refer to a protocol, ethics approval, or pre-determined/a priori published research objectives to score a "yes."*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 2. Was there duplicate study selection and data extraction?

There should be at least two independent data extractors and a consensus procedure for disagreements should be in place.

*Note: 2 people do study selection, 2 people do data extraction, consensus process or one person checks the other's work.*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 3. Was a comprehensive literature search performed?

At least two electronic sources should be searched. The report must include years and databases used (e.g., Central, EMBASE, and MEDLINE). Key words and/or MESH terms must be stated and where feasible the search strategy should be provided. All searches should be supplemented by consulting current contents, reviews, textbooks, specialized registers, or experts in the particular field of study, and by reviewing the references in the studies found.

*Note: If at least 2 sources + one supplementary strategy used, select "yes" (Cochrane register/Central counts as 2 sources; a grey literature search counts as supplementary).*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 4. Was the status of publication (i.e. grey literature) used as an inclusion criterion?

The authors should state that they searched for reports regardless of their publication type. The authors should state whether or not they excluded any reports (from the systematic review), based on their publication status, language etc.

*Note: If review indicates that there was a search for "grey literature" or "unpublished literature," indicate "yes." SIGLE database, dissertations, conference proceedings, and*

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3 *trial registries are all considered grey for this purpose. If searching a source that contains*  
4 *both grey and non-grey, must specify that they were searching for grey/unpublished lit.*

- 5  Yes  
6  No  
7  Can't answer  
8  Not applicable

9 **5. Was a list of studies (included and excluded) provided?**

10 A list of included and excluded studies should be provided.

11 *Note: Acceptable if the excluded studies are referenced. If there is an electronic link to*  
12 *the list but the link is dead, select "no."*

- 13  Yes  
14  No  
15  Can't answer  
16  Not applicable

17 **6. Were the characteristics of the included studies provided?**

18 In an aggregated form such as a table, data from the original studies should be provided  
19 on the participants, interventions and outcomes. The ranges of characteristics in all the  
20 studies analyzed e.g., age, race, sex, relevant socioeconomic data, disease status,  
21 duration, severity, or other diseases should be reported.

22 *Note: Acceptable if not in table format as long as they are described as above.*

- 23  Yes  
24  No  
25  Can't answer  
26  Not applicable

27 **7. Was the scientific quality of the included studies assessed and documented?**

28 'A priori' methods of assessment should be provided (e.g., for effectiveness studies if the  
29 author(s) chose to include only randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled studies, or  
30 allocation concealment as inclusion criteria); for other types of studies alternative items  
31 will be relevant.

32 *Note: Can include use of a quality scoring tool or checklist, e.g., Jadad scale, risk of bias,*  
33 *sensitivity analysis, etc., or a description of quality items, with some kind of result for*  
34 *EACH study ("low" or "high" is fine, as long as it is clear which studies scored "low" and*  
35 *which scored "high"; a summary score/range for all studies is not acceptable).*

- 36  Yes  
37  No  
38  Can't answer  
39  Not applicable

40 **8. Was the scientific quality of the included studies used appropriately in**  
41 **formulating conclusions?**

42 The results of the methodological rigor and scientific quality should be considered in the  
43 analysis and the conclusions of the review, and explicitly stated in formulating  
44 recommendations.

45 *Note: Might say something such as "the results should be interpreted with caution due to*  
46 *poor quality of included studies." Cannot score "yes" for this question if scored "no" for*  
47 *question 7.*

- 48  Yes  
49  No  
50  Can't answer  
51  Not applicable

52 **9. Were the methods used to combine the findings of studies appropriate?**

53 For the pooled results, a test should be done to ensure the studies were combinable, to  
54 assess their homogeneity (i.e., Chi-squared test for homogeneity, I<sup>2</sup>). If heterogeneity  
55 exists a random effects model should be used and/or the clinical appropriateness of  
56 combining should be taken into consideration (i.e., is it sensible to combine?).

57 *Note: Indicate "yes" if they mention or describe heterogeneity, i.e., if they explain that*  
58 *they cannot pool because of heterogeneity/variability between interventions.*

- 59  Yes  
60  No  
61  Can't answer  
62  Not applicable

63 **10. Was the likelihood of publication bias assessed?**

64 An assessment of publication bias should include a combination of graphical aids (e.g.,  
65 funnel plot, other available tests) and/or statistical tests (e.g., Egger regression test,  
66 Hedges-Olken).

67 *Note: If no test values or funnel plot included, score "no". Score "yes" if mentions that*

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3 *publication bias could not be assessed because there were fewer than 10 included*  
4 *studies.*

- 5  Yes  
6  No  
7  Can't answer  
8  Not applicable

9 **11. Was the conflict of interest included?**

10 Potential sources of support should be clearly acknowledged in both the systematic  
11 review and the included studies.

12 *Note: To get a "yes," must indicate source of funding or support for the systematic*  
13 *review AND for each of the included studies.*

- 14  Yes  
15  No  
16  Can't answer  
17  Not applicable

18 *Shea et al. BMC Medical Research Methodology 2007 7:10 doi:10.1186/1471-2288-7-10*

19 *Additional notes (in italics) made by Michelle Weir, Julia Worswick, and Carolyn Wayne based on*  
20 *conversations with*

21 *Bev Shea and/or Jeremy Grimshaw in June and October 2008 and July and September 2010.*  
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# PRISMA 2009 Checklist

For: **Characteristics of stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews:  
a methodological review in the area of health services research**

Section/topic	#	Checklist item	Reported on page #
<b>TITLE</b>			
Title	1	Identify the report as a (systematic) <b>methodological</b> review, meta-analysis, or both.	1
<b>ABSTRACT</b>			
Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary including, as applicable: background; objectives; data sources; study eligibility criteria, participants, and interventions; study appraisal and synthesis methods; results; limitations; conclusions and implications of key findings; systematic review registration number ( <b>not applicable</b> ).	2
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	5
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS). <b>Methodological assessment, no intervention</b>	5-6
<b>METHODS</b>			
Protocol and registration	5	Indicate if a review protocol exists, if and where it can be accessed (e.g., Web address), and if available, provide registration information including registration number.	6
Eligibility criteria	6	Specify study characteristics (e.g., PICOS, length of follow-up) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) used as criteria for eligibility, giving rationale.	7-8
Information sources	7	Describe all information sources (e.g., databases with dates of coverage, contact with study authors to identify additional studies) in the search and date last searched.	6-7
Search	8	Present full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	Suppl. File S3a and 3b
Study selection	9	State the process for selecting studies (i.e., screening, eligibility, included in systematic review, and, if applicable, included in the meta-analysis).	7-8
Data collection process	10	Describe method of data extraction from reports (e.g., piloted forms, independently, in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators.	7
Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought (e.g., PICOS, funding sources) and any assumptions and simplifications made.	8-9
Risk of bias in individual studies	12	Describe methods used for assessing risk of bias of individual studies (including specification of whether this was done at the study or outcome level), and how this information is to be used in any data synthesis.	n/a AMSTAR for



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			methodological quality
Summary measures	13	State the principal summary measures (e.g., risk ratio, difference in means).	Stakeholder involvement per review type in %
Synthesis of results	14	Describe the methods of handling data and combining results of studies, if done, including measures of consistency (e.g., $I^2$ ) for each meta-analysis.	No meta-analysis

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Risk of bias across studies	15	Specify any assessment of risk of bias that may affect the cumulative evidence (e.g., publication bias, selective reporting within studies).	Reporting bias 19
Additional analyses	16	Describe methods of additional analyses (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression), if done, indicating which were pre-specified.	Not applicable
<b>RESULTS</b>			
Study selection	17	Give numbers of studies screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, with reasons for exclusions at each stage, ideally with a flow diagram.	Figure 1
Study characteristics	18	For each study, present characteristics for which data were extracted (e.g., study size, PICO, follow-up period) and provide the citations.	Supplementary File S4 (part, AMSTAR)
Risk of bias within studies	19	Present data on risk of bias of each study and, if available, any outcome level assessment (see item 12).	AMSTAR (methodological characteristics)
Results of individual studies	20	For all outcomes considered (benefits or harms), present, for each study: (a) simple summary data for each intervention group (b) effect estimates and confidence intervals, ideally with a forest plot.	Not applicable
Synthesis of results	21	Present results of each meta-analysis done, including confidence intervals and measures of consistency.	Not applicable
Risk of bias across studies	22	Present results of any assessment of risk of bias across studies (see Item 15).	
Additional analysis	23	Give results of additional analyses, if done (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression [see Item 16]). For peer review only - <a href="http://bmjopen.bmj.com/site/about/guidelines.xhtml">http://bmjopen.bmj.com/site/about/guidelines.xhtml</a>	Not applicable

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<b>DISCUSSION</b>			
Summary of evidence	24	Summarize the main findings including the strength of evidence for each main outcome; consider their relevance to key groups (e.g., healthcare providers, users, and policy makers).	19-20
Limitations	25	Discuss limitations at study and outcome level (e.g., risk of bias), and at review-level (e.g., incomplete retrieval of identified research, reporting bias).	19-22
Conclusions	26	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence, and implications for future research.	23
<b>FUNDING</b>			
Funding	27	Describe sources of funding for the systematic review and other support (e.g., supply of data, role of funders for the systematic review).	23

From: Moher D, Liberati A, Tetzlaff J, Altman DG, The PRISMA Group (2009). Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses: The PRISMA Statement. PLoS Med 6(7): e1000097. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed1000097

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#12	'rapid systematic review' OR 'rapid review' OR 'rapid evidence assessment' OR 'rapid health technology assessment':ab,ti AND [2011-2015]/py	188
#11	'rapid systematic review' OR 'rapid review' OR 'rapid evidence assessment' OR 'rapid health technology assessment' OR 'brief review':ab,ti AND [2011-2015]/py	3,710
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#6	rapid AND (assessment OR 'systematic review'/exp OR 'evidence assessment' OR 'health technology assessment' OR 'method'/exp OR method OR 'review'/exp OR review OR evidence OR 'synthesis'/exp OR synthesis) OR 'brief review' OR 'evidence brief' OR 'evidence summary':ab,ti AND [embase]/lim AND [2011-2015]/py	143,957



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Tabelle1

**Characteristics of stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews: Data extraction: AMSTAR ratings**

Type (SR, RR, CRD RR)	Study ID	Year of study	Citation	AMSTAR assessment			
				Review protocol	A priori design provided?	Was there duplicate study selection and data extraction? (at least two independent data extractors and consensus procedure)	Comprehensive literature search performed? (at least two electronic sources, reports must include years and databases used)
<b>Cochrane systematic reviews</b>							
CSR	101	2012	Olsen O, Clausen JA. Planned hospital birth versus planned home birth. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD000352. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000352.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	102	2013	Moi JHY, Sriranganathan MK, Edwards CJ, Buchbinder R. Lifestyle interventions for acute gout. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD010519. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010519.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	103	2011	Thomas RE, Lorenzetti D, Spragins W. Mentoring adolescents to prevent drug and alcohol use. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD007381. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007381.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	104	2012	Garrison SR, Allan GM, Sekhon RK, Musini VM, Khan KM. Magnesium for skeletal muscle cramps. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD009402. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009402.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	105	2012	Tejani AM, Wasdell M, Spiwak R, Rowell G, Nathwani S. Carnitine for fatigue in multiple sclerosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD007280. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007280.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	106	2013	Taylor F, Huffman MD, Macedo AF, Moore THM, Burke M, Davey Smith G, Ward K, Ebrahim S. Statins for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD004816. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004816.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	107	2013	Jorge EC, Jorge EN, El Dib RP. Early light reduction for preventing retinopathy of prematurity in very low birth weight infants. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD000122. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000122.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	108	2012	Jin H, Leng Q, Li C. Dietary flavonoid for preventing colorectal neoplasms. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD009350. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009350.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	109	2014	Karmali KN, Davies P, Taylor F, Beswick A, Martin N, Ebrahim S. Promoting patient uptake and adherence in cardiac rehabilitation. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD007131. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007131.pub3.	yes	1	1	1

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Status of publication used as inclusion criterion? (search for grey or unpublished literature?)	List of studies provided? (excluded studies referenced?)	Characteristics of included studies provided?	Scientific quality of included studies assessed and documented? (methods provided)	Scientific quality of included studies used appropriately in formulating conclusions?	Methods used to combine findings of studies appropriate? (mentions or describes heterogeneity?)	Likelihood of publication bias assessed? (graphical aids and/or statistical tests)	Conflict of interest included?	Final score	Grouping of scores (strong: ≥8=2; moderate: 4-7=1; weak <4=0)	health evidence / health systems evidence platforms
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CSR	110	2014	Bjelakovic G, Gluud LL, Nikolova D, Whitfield K, Krstic G, Wetterslev J, Gluud C. Vitamin D supplementation for prevention of cancer in adults. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD007469. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007469.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	111	2014	Carney T, Myers BJ, Louw J, Okwundu CI. Brief school-based interventions and behavioural outcomes for substance-using adolescents. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD008969. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008969.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	112	2013	Taylor MJ, Rudkin L, Bullemor-Day P, Lubin J, Chukwujekwu C, Hawton K. Strategies for managing sexual dysfunction induced by antidepressant medication. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD003382. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003382.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	113	2012	Fonner VA, Denison J, Kennedy CE, O'Reilly K, Sweat M. Voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) for changing HIV-related risk behavior in developing countries. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD001224. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD001224.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	114	2012	Shields L, Zhou H, Pratt J, Taylor M, Hunter J, Pascoe E. Family-centred care for hospitalised children aged 0-12 years. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 10. Art. No.: CD004811. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004811.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	115	2014	Nava F, Ghilotti F, Maggi L, Hatemi G, Del Bianco A, Merlo C, Filippini G, Tramacere I. Biologics, colchicine, corticosteroids, immunosuppressants and interferon-alpha for Neuro-Behçet's Syndrome. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD009879. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009879.pub4.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	116	2013	Njei B, Kongnyuy EJ, Kumar S, Okwen MP, Sankar MJ, Mbuagbaw L. Optimal timing for antiretroviral therapy initiation in patients with HIV infection and concurrent cryptococcal meningitis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD009879. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009879.pub4.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	117	2014	Lager KE, Mistri AK, Khunti K, Haunton VJ, Sett AK, Wilson AD. Interventions for improving modifiable risk factor control in the secondary prevention of stroke. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009103. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009103.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	118	2013	Chen W, Zhang Y, Li X, Yang G, Liu JP. Chinese herbal medicine for diabetic peripheral neuropathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 10. Art. No.: CD007796. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007796.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	119	2011	Fede G, Germani G, Gluud C, Gurusamy KS, Burroughs AK. Propylthiouracil for alcoholic liver disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD002800. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD002800.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	120	2012	Jefferson T, Rivetti A, Di Pietrantonj C, Demicheli V, Ferroni E. Vaccines for preventing influenza in healthy children. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD004879. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004879.pub4.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	121	2011	Akl EA, Oxman AD, Herrin J, Vist GE, Terrenato I, Sperati F, Costiniuk C, Blank D, Schünemann H. Framing of health information messages. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD006777. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006777.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	122	2011	Smart NA, Marshall BJ, Daley M, Boulos E, Windus J, Baker N, Kwok N. Low-fat diets for acquired hypercholesterolaemia. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD007957. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007957.pub2.	yes	1	1	1

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CSR	123	2011	Cheuk DKL, Chiang AKS, Lee TL, Chan GCF, Ha SY. Vaccines for prophylaxis of viral infections in patients with hematological malignancies. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD006505. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006505.pub2.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	124	2015	Kwong JSW, Lau HLC, Yeung F, Chau PH. Yoga for secondary prevention of coronary heart disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 7. Art. No.: CD009506. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009506.pub4.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	125	2015	Overdeest GM, Jacobs W, Vleggeert-Lankamp C, Thomé C, Gunzburg R, Peul W. Effectiveness of posterior decompression techniques compared with conventional laminectomy for lumbar stenosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD0	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	126	2014	Marti-Carvajal AJ, Knight-Madden JM, Martinez-Zapata MJ. Interventions for treating leg ulcers in people with sickle cell disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD008394. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008394.pub3.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	127	2014	Junker AE, Als-Nielsen B, Gluud C, Gluud LL. Dopamine agents for hepatic encephalopathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD003047. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003047.pub3.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	128	2013	Peckham EJ, Nelson EA, Greenhalgh J, Cooper K, Roberts ER, Agrawal A. Homeopathy for treatment of irritable bowel syndrome. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD009710. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009710.pub2.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	129	2013	Okwundu CI, Nagpal S, Musekiwa A, Sinclair D. Home- or community-based programmes for treating malaria. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009527. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009527.pub2.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	130	2013	Rahimi-Movaghar A, Amin-Esmaili M, Hefazi M, Yousefi-Nooraie R. Pharmacological therapies for maintenance treatments of opium dependence. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD007775. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007775.pub2.	yes	1	1	1	
<b>Systematic reviews (non-Cochrane)</b>								
SR	131	2015	Rush CJ, Campbell RT, Jhund PS, et al. Falling cardiovascular mortality in heart failure with reduced ejection fraction and implications for clinical trials. JACC Heart Fail. 2015;3(8):603–14.	none mentioned	1	1	1	
SR	132	2015	Foersch M, Jacobs C, Wriedt S, Hechtner M, Wehrbein H. Effectiveness of maxillary protraction using facemask with or without maxillary expansion: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Clinical Oral Investigations [serial online]. July 2015;19(6):1181-119	yes	1	1	1	
SR	133	2015	Sipe TA, Finnie RKC, Knopf JA, et al. Effects of mental health benefits legislation: A Community Guide systematic review. Am J Prev Med. 2015;48(6):755–766.	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1	
SR	134	2013	A.A. Ahmed, E. Alsharief, A. Alsharief, Intensive versus conventional glyemic control: what is best for patients with type 2 diabetes? Diabetes Metab Syndr, 7 (2013), pp. 48–51	none mentioned	1	1	1	
SR	135	2012	M. Panagioti, P.A. Gooding, N. Tarrier A meta-analysis of the association between posttraumatic stress disorder and suicidality: the role of comorbid depression; Compr. Psychiatry, 53 (2012), pp. 915–930	none mentioned	1	1	1	
SR	136	2015	Z. Wang Age-dependent decline of association between obesity and mortality: a systematic review and meta-analysis Obes Res Clin Pract, 9 (2015), pp. 1–11	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1	
SR	137	2015	E. Rolka A systematic review of music and dyslexia, The Arts in Psychotherapy, 46 (2015), pp 24-32	no	1	1	1	



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SR	138	2011	Wu S, Cohen D, Shi Y, Pearson M, Sturm R. Economic analysis of physical activity interventions. <i>Am J Prev Med.</i> 2011;40(2):149–58.	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	139	2012	Rodgers M, Asaria M, Walker S, McMillan D, Lucock M, Harden M, et al. The clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of low-intensity psychological interventions for the secondary prevention of relapse after depression: a systematic review. <i>Health Technol</i>	yes	1	1	1
SR	140	2015	Chien T-J, Liu C-Y, Chang Y-F, Fang C-J, Hsu C-H. Acupuncture for Treating Aromatase Inhibitor-Related Arthralgia in Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. <i>Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine.</i> 2015;21(5):251-260. doi:10.1089/acm.2014.0083.	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	141	2013	Int J Integr Care 2013; Jul–Sep; URN:NBN:NL:UI:10-1-114740 , Community services' involvement in the discharge of older adults from hospital into the community, Johantgen M, Fountain L, Zangaro G, Newhouse R, Stanik-Hutt J, White K. Comparison of labor and delivery care provided by certified nurse-midwives and physicians: a systematic review, 1990 to 2008. <i>Womens Health Issues Off Publ Jacobs Inst Womens Health.</i>	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	142	2012	2012;22:e73–e81. doi: 10.1016/j.whi.2011.06.005.	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	143	2015	Rozet, F., Bastide, C., Beuzeboc, P., Cormier, L., Fromont, G., Hennequin, C., Soulié, A6:1134 (2015). [Management of low-risk prostate cancer]. <i>Progrès En Urologie : Journal de l'Association Française d'urologie et de La Société Française d'urologie</i> , 25(1), 1–10. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.purol.2014.10.007	none mentioned	1	0	0
SR	144	2014	Maglione, Margaret A.; Das, Lopamudra; Raaen, Laura; et al. Safety of Vaccines Used for Routine Immunization of US Children: A Systematic Review <i>PEDIATRICS</i> Volume: 134 Issue: 2 Pages: 325-337 Published: AUG 2014 DOI http://dx.doi.org/10.1542/peds.	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
SR	145	2014	Albrecht B, Staiger PK, Hall K, et al. (2014) Benzodiazepine use and aggressive behaviour: A systematic review. <i>Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry</i> 48: 1096–1114. doi: 10.1177/0004867414548902	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
SR	146	2012	Te Morenga Lisa, Mallard Simonette, Mann Jim. Dietary sugars and body weight: systematic review and meta-analyses of randomised controlled trials and cohort studies <i>BMJ</i> 2013; 346 :e7492 doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmj.e7492	yes	1	1	1
SR	147	2014	Jeannette A. C. Lankhaar, Wouter R. de Vries, Jaap A. C. G. Jansen, Pierre M. J. Zelissen & Frank J. G. Backx (2014) Impact of Overt and Subclinical Hypothyroidism on Exercise Tolerance: A Systematic Review, <i>Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport</i> , 85:3, 365-389, DOI: 10.1080/02701367.2014.930405	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	148	2013	Vanessa Siffredi , Vicki Anderson , Richard J. Leventer & Megan M. Spencer- Smith (2013) Neuropsychological Profile of Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum: A Systematic Review, <i>Developmental Neuropsychology</i> , 38:1, 36-57, DOI: 10.1080/87565641.2012.721421	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	149	2015	Llewellyn, A., Simmonds, M., Owen, C. G., and Woolacott, N. (2015) Childhood obesity as a predictor of morbidity in adulthood: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Obes Rev</i> , 17: 56–67. doi: 10.1111/obr.12316.	yes	1	0	1
SR	150	2014	Matsuda, A., Yamaoka, K., Tango, T., Matsuda, T., Nishimoto, H. (2014). Effectiveness of psychoeducational support on quality of life in early-stage breast cancer patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. <i>Qual Life R</i>	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	151	2013	A. Bak, J. Browne, H. P. Loveday and A. Tsiami (2013). Systematic review of nutritional interventions to prevent healthcare-associated infections in undernourished elderly. <i>Proceedings of the Nutrition Society</i> , 72, E212 doi:10.1017/S0029665113002371.	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1

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SR	152	2014	L. Bourke, K. E. Homer, M. A. Thaha, L. Steed, D. J. Rosario, K. A. Robb, J. M. Saxton and S. J. C. Taylor Interventions to improve exercise behaviour in sedentary people living with and beyond cancer: A systematic review British Journal of Cancer (2014)	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
SR	153	2013	BRAY, James et al. Effectiveness of parent-centred interventions [etc]. JBI Library of Systematic Reviews, [S.l.], v. 8, n. 16 Suppl, p. S34 - 45, jul. 2010. ISSN 1838-2142. <a href="http://www.joannabriggslibrary.org/jbilibrary/index.php/jbisrir/article/view/571/">http://www.joannabriggslibrary.org/jbilibrary/index.php/jbisrir/article/view/571/</a>	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	0
SR	154	2014	Tricco AC, Antony J, Khan PA, et al. Safety and effectiveness of dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors versus intermediate-acting insulin or placebo for patients with type 2 diabetes failing two oral antihyperglycaemic agents: a systematic review and network meta-analysis. BMJ Open 2014;4:e005752. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2014-005752	yes	1	1	1
SR	155	2012	Agarwal R, Goldenberg M, Perry R, Ishak WW. The Quality of Life of Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: A Systematic Review. Innovations in Clinical Neuroscience. 2012;9(5-6):10-21.	no	1	0	1
SR	156	2013	Ian C. Scott, Rachael Tan, Daniel Stahl, Sophia Steer, Cathryn M. Lewis, and Andrew P. Cope The protective effect of alcohol on developing rheumatoid arthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis Rheumatology (2013) 52 (5): 856-867 first published onli	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	157	2014	Hu MB, Xu H, Bai PD, et al. Obesity has multifaceted impact on biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer: a dose-response meta-analysis of 36,927 patients. Med Oncol 2014; 31:829. DOI: 10.1007/s12032-013-0829-8	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	158	2014	Blasco, M.A., Redleaf, M.I., 2014. Cochlear implantation in unilateral sudden deafness improves tinnitus and speech comprehension: meta-analysis and systematic review. Otol. Neurotol. 35 (8), 1426-1432. DOI: 10.1097/MAO.0000000000000431	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	159	2014	Vasconcellos, Fabricio; Seabra, Andre; Katzmarzyk, Peter T.; et al., Physical Activity in Overweight and Obese Adolescents: Systematic Review of the Effects on Physical Fitness Components and Cardiovascular Risk Factors SPORTS MEDICINE Volume: 44 Issue: 8 Pages: 1139-1152 Published: AUG 2014	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	160	2015	Gibbs et al., 2014, M. Gibbs, C. Winsper, S. Marwaha, E. Gilbert, M. Broome, S.P. Singh, Cannabis use and mania symptoms: a systematic review and meta-analysis J. Affect. Disord., 171C (2014), pp. 39–47, doi:10.1016/j.jad.2014.09.016	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1

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RR	161	2015	Sedation and Anesthesia Options for Diagnostic Procedures: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines Menear M, Briand C.. Implementing a continuum of evidence-based psychosocial interventions for people with severe mental illness: part 1-review of major initiatives and implementation strategies. Can J Psychiatry (2014) 59(4):178–86.	no protocol	1	1	1
RR	162	2014	Saeed S, Golfam M, Beall RF, Ashbury FD, Palmer LJ, Little J. Effectiveness of individual-focused interventions to prevent chronic disease. Eur J Clin Invest 2014;44:883–91.	no protocol	0	1	1
RR	163	2014	Sara A Kreindler, Yang Cui, Colleen J Metge, Melissa Raynard, Patient characteristics associated with longer emergency department stay: a rapid review, Emerg Med J 2016;33:3 194-199 Published Online First: 4 September 2015 doi:10.1136/emered-2015-204913	none mentioned	1	1	1
RR	164	2015	Chetan R Trivedy, Matthew W Cooke, Unscheduled return visits (URV) in adults to the emergency department (ED): a rapid evidence assessment policy review, Emerg Med J 2015;32:4 324-329 Published Online First: 28 October 2013 doi:10.1136/emered-2013-202719	yes	1	0	0
RR	165	2015	J. Yu, Y. Wang, Y. Li, X. Li, C. Li, J.T. Shen, PHP74 - The DA Vinci Surgical System: A Rapid Review of the Clinical and Economic Evidence, Value in Health, Volume 17, Issue 7, November 2014, Page A798, ISSN 1098-3015, <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jval.2014.08.476">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jval.2014.08.476</a> .	none mentioned	1	1	0
RR	166	2014	Lal S, Adair CE. E-mental health: a rapid review of the literature. Psychiatr Serv. 2014;65:24–32.	none mentioned	1	0	0
RR	167	2014	Beall RF, Baskerville N, Golfam M, Saeed S, Little J. Modes of delivery in prevention intervention studies: a rapid review. Eur J Clin Invest 2014;44:688–96. DOI: 10.1111/eci.12279	mentioned	1	0	0
RR	168	2014	Jiwa, M., McManus, A., and Dadich, A. (2013) Continuity of cancer care: Where do primary care practitioners fit in? Cancer Forum, 37(1): 31-34.	yes	1	1	1
RR	169	2013	Movement Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Courtney Lee, Cindy Crawford, Eric Schoomaker, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15 (S1) S40-S53; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12411	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	0
RR	170	2014	Boyce T, Holmes A (2012) Addressing Health Inequalities in the Delivery of the Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme: Examining the Role of the School Nurse. PLoS ONE 7(9): e43416. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0043416	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
RR	171	2012	Attree P, French B, Milton B, Povall S, Whitehead M, Popay J. The experience of community engagement for individuals: a rapid review of evidence. Health & Social Care In The Community [serial online]. May 2011;19(3):250-260. Available from: MEDLINE, Ipswich, MA. doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2524.2010.00976.x	none mentioned	1	0	0
RR	172	2011	Sensory Art Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, John Bingham, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15 (S1) S66-S75; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12409	none mentioned	1	0	1
RR	173	2014	Ndumbe-Eyoh S, Moffatt H. Intersectoral action for health equity: a rapid systematic review. BMC Public Health. 2013;13:1056-2458-13-1056. DOI: 10.1186/1471-2458-13-1056	none mentioned	1	0	0
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RR	175	2014	Brunton, G., Paraskeva, N., Caird, J., Bird, K. S., Kavanagh, J., Kwan, I., & ... Thomas, J. (2014). Psychosocial predictors, assessment, and outcomes of cosmetic procedures: a systematic rapid evidence assessment. <i>Aesthetic Plastic Surgery</i> , 38(5), 1030-1040. doi:10.1007/s00266-014-0369-4	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1
RR	176	2011	Geddes et al., 2011, R. Geddes, J. Frank, S. Haw, A rapid review of key strategies to improve the cognitive and social development of children in Scotland, <i>Health Policy</i> , 101 (2011), pp. 20–28 doi:10.1016/j.healthpol.2010.08.013	none mentioned	1	1	1
RR	177	2013	Humphreys, DK, Ogilvie, D. Synthesising evidence for equity impacts of population-based physical activity interventions: A pilot study. <i>Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act.</i> 2013;10:76. DOI: 10.1186/1479-5868-10-76	none mentioned	1	0	1
RR	178	2014	Muñoz, K., Caballero, A., & White, K. (2014). Effectiveness of questionnaires for screening hearing of school-age children: a comprehensive literature review. <i>International Journal Of Audiology</i> , 53(12), 910-914. doi:10.3109/14992027.2014.943846	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1
RR	179	2014	Physically Oriented Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, Todd May, <i>Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group</i> , <i>Pain Medicine</i> Apr 2014, 15 (S1) S54-S65; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12410	none mentioned	1	1	1
RR	180	2014	Moe-Byrne, T., Chambers, D., Harden, M., McDaid, C., Behaviour change interventions to promote prescribing of generic drugs: A rapid evidence synthesis and systematic review (2014) <i>BMJ Open</i> , 4 (5), art. no. e004623. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2013-004623	yes	1	1	1
RR	181	2014	Hiithersay R, Strydom A, Moulster G & Buszewicz M (2014) Carer-led health interventions to monitor, promote and improve the health of adults with intellectual disabilities in the community: a systematic review. <i>Research in Developmental Disabilities</i> 35, 887–907. doi: 10.1016/j.ridd.2014.01.010	yes	1	1	1
RR	182	2011	Mann R, Gilbody S. Validity of two case finding questions to detect postnatal depression: a review of diagnostic test accuracy. <i>J Affect Disord.</i> 2011;133:388–97. doi:10.1016/j.jad.2010.11.015.	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1
RR	183	2013	Barry, M. M., D'Eath, M., & Sixsmith, J. (2013). Interventions for improving population health literacy: insights from a rapid review of the evidence. <i>Journal Of Health Communication</i> , 18(12), 1507-1522. doi:10.1080/10810730.2013.840699	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
RR	184	2013	Beck, C. R., Sokal, R., Arunachalam, N., Puleston, R., Cichowska, A., Kessel, A., Zambon, M., Nguyen-Van-Tam, J. S. and on behalf of the UK Antiviral Effectiveness Review Group (2013), Neuraminidase inhibitors for influenza: a review and public health perspective in the aftermath of the 2009 pandemic. <i>Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses</i> , 7: 14–24. doi: 10.1111/irv.12048		1	1	0
RR	185	2012	McMurrin, M. (2012). Individual-level interventions for alcohol-related violence: a rapid evidence assessment. <i>Criminal Behaviour And Mental Health: CBMH</i> , 22(1), 14-28. doi:10.1002/cbm.821	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1
RR	186	2014	Paul M. Dorresteyn, Norbertus A. Ipenburg, Kathryn J. Murphy, Michelle Smit, Jonna K. van Vulpen, Inge Wegner, Inge Stegeman, and Wilko Grolman, Rapid Systematic Review of Normal Audiometry Results as a Predictor for Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo, <i>Otolaryngology -- Head and Neck Surgery</i> June 2014 150: 919-924, doi:10.1177/0194599814527233	none mentioned	1	1	1



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RR	187	2012	KONNYU, K., KWOK, E., SKIDMORE, B., MOHER, D.. The effectiveness and safety of emergency department short stay units: a rapid review. Open Medicine, North America, 6, jan. 2012. Available at: <a href="http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/view/478/449">http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/view/478/449</a> .	no protocol	1	1	1
RR	188	2015	Butow, P., Price, M. A., Shaw, J. M., Turner, J., Clayton, J. M., Grimison, P., Rankin, N., and Kirsten, L. (2015) Clinical pathway for the screening, assessment and management of anxiety and depression in adult cancer patients: Australian guidelines. Psycho-Oncology, 24: 987–1001. doi: 10.1002/pon.3920.	no protocol	1	1	1
RR	189	2014	R.B. Costello, C.V. Lentino, C.C. Boyd, M.L. O'Connell, C.C. Crawford, M.L. Sprengel, et al., The effectiveness of melatonin for promoting healthy sleep: a rapid evidence assessment of the literature, Nutr. J., 13 (2014), p. 106 DOI: 10.1186/1475-2891-13-106	not published	1	0	1
RR	190	2014	Lee, C., Crawford, C., & Swann, S. (2014). Multimodal, integrative therapies for the self-management of chronic pain symptoms. Pain Medicine (Malden, Mass.), 15 Suppl 1S76-S85. doi:10.1111/pme.12408	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1
<b>Rapid reviews (CRD databases)</b>							
CRD RR	191	2015	Health Quality Ontario. Prophylactic antibiotics for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 26 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1
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CRD RR	194	2014	Lambrinos, A. Preoperative consultations: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2014 March. 19 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/appropriateness-initiative#preop-consult">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/appropriateness-initiative#preop-consult</a> .	none mentioned	1	0	1
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13	CRD RR	201	2015	Lambrinos A. Home-based exercise programs in heart failure: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 21 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	none mentioned	1	0	1
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Characteristics of stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews: Study characteristics

General Information

Study type	Study ID	Year of study	version number	Citation	Institution performing review	country	year	contact details, corresponding author (not shown)	specific topic	Thematic Focus	Type of intervention	Setting specified	Setting
Cochrane systematic reviews													
CSR	101	2012	1	Olsen O, Clausen JA. Planned hospital birth versus planned home birth. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD000352. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000352.pub2.	General Practice and Section of General Practice, Department of Public Health, University of	DNK	2012		childbirth	Treatment	Type of birth	birth setting hospital/home	Multiple
CSR	102	2013	1	Moi JHY, Sriranganathan MK, Edwards CJ, Buchbinder R. Lifestyle interventions for acute gout. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD010519. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010519.pub2.	Department of Rheumatology, The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Parkville, Australia.	AUS	2013		Acute gout treatment	Treatment	lifestyle interventions	inpatients and outpatients	multiple
CSR	103	2011	1	Thomas RE, Lorenzetti D, Spragins W. Mentoring adolescents to prevent drug and alcohol use. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD007381. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007381.pub2.	University of Calgary, Department of Medicine, Calgary, Alberta, Canada	CAN	2011		drug/alcohol prevention	Prevention	mentoring acts of any kind	mentoring programs	Multiple
CSR	104	2012	1	Garrison SR, Allan GM, Sekhon RK, Musini VM, Khan KM. Magnesium for skeletal muscle cramps. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD009402. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009402.pub2.	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	CAN	2012		Skeletal muscle cramps	Treatment	Magnesium supplementation	outpatients (primary care, community)	Outpatient
CSR	105	2012	update	Tejani AM, Wasdell M, Spiwak R, Rowell G, Nathwani S. Carnitine for fatigue in multiple sclerosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD007280. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007280.pub3.	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	CAN	2012		Multiple Sclerosis fatigue	Treatment	Carnitine supplementation	outpatients	Outpatient
CSR	106	2013	update	Taylor F, Huffman MD, Macedo AF, Moore THM, Burke M, Davey Smith G, Ward K, Ebrahim S. Statins for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD004816. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004816.	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada & Tropical Medicine, Department of Non-communicable Disease Epidemiology, London, UK	GBR	2013		primary prevention of cardiovascular disease	Prevention	statins	community setting	Community
CSR	107	2013	update	Jorge EC, Jorge EN, El Dib RP. Early light reduction for preventing retinopathy of prematurity in very low birth weight infants. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD000122. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000122.pub2.	Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP), Botucatu, São Paulo, Brazil	BRA	2013		ROP prevention in premature infants	Prevention	light reduction	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
CSR	108	2012	1	Jin H, Leng Q, Li C. Dietary flavonoid for preventing colorectal neoplasms. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD009350. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009350.pub2.	University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, National Center of Colorectal Surgery, Nanjing, Jiangsu	CHN	2012		colorectal neoplasm prevention	Prevention	Flavonoid intake	community setting	Community



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Population	N	overall age range	sex	Funding (who?)	notable conflicts of interests of authors	review protocol	SHI: yes = 1, no = 0	Procedure according to PRISMA-guidelines
Low risk pregnant women	11	pregnant	f	governmental, institutional: National Institute for Health Research, UK.	none	yes		1
adults with acute gout	19	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	yes		0
adolescents	1994	13 - 18	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	yes		0
adults	406	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional: Canadian Institutes of Health Research	and Khan are co-authors of a RCT which was included	yes		0
adults with MS diagnosed	36	adult	f/m	institutional: Fraser Health Research Administration and Development Office, Department of Social Medicine, University of Bristol, UK., institutional: University of Rochester, NY, USA., Department of	none	yes		1
adults	56934	adult	f/m	institutional: University of Rochester, NY, USA., Department of	none	yes		0
Premature human infants	897	premature	f/m	institutional: University of Rochester, NY, USA., Department of	served as a member of the Data Safety	yes		0
adults	390769	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	yes		0

1					Karmali KN, Davies P, Taylor F, Beswick A, Martin N, Ebrahim S.	Feinberg School of			Secondary					
2					Promoting patient uptake and adherence in cardiac rehabilitation. Cochrane	Medicine, Departments of			prevention of					
3					Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD007131. DOI:	Preventive Medicine and			cardiovascular		cardiac	rehabilitation	Inpatient/	
4	CSR	109	2014	update	10.1002/14651858.CD007131.pub3.	Medicine (Cardiology),	USA	2014	disease	Prevention	rehabilitation	setting	Hospital	
5					Bjelakovic G, Gluud LL, Nikolova D, Whitfield K, Krstic G, Wetterslev J,	Medical Faculty, University								
6					Gluud C. Vitamin D supplementation for prevention of cancer in adults.	of Nis, Department of								
7	CSR	110	2014		1 CD007469. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007469.pub2.	Internal Medicine, Nis,	SRB	2014	Cancer	Prevention	Vitamin D	community	Community	
8					Carney T, Myers BJ, Louw J, Okwundu CI. Brief school-based interventions	Research Council, Alcohol								
9					and behavioural outcomes for substance-using adolescents. Cochrane	and Drug Abuse Research								
10	CSR	111	2014		1 CD008969. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008969.pub2.	Unit, Cape Town, Western	ZAF	2014	drug/alcohol	Prevention	Brief	High schools,	Community	
11					Taylor MJ, Rudkin L, Bullemor-Day P, Lubin J, Chukwujekwu C, Hawton K.	Institute of Psychiatry,			prevention		Interventions	colleges		
12					Strategies for managing sexual dysfunction induced by antidepressant	King's College London,					(psychotherapy)			
13					medication. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art.	Department of Psychosis			sexual		sildenafil,	outpatients		
14	CSR	112	2013	update	1 CD003382. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003382.	Studies, London, UK	GBR	2013	dysfunction	Treatment	bupropion, etc.	phase lia	Outpatient	
15					Fonner VA, Denison J, Kennedy CE, O'Reilly K, Sweat M. Voluntary	School of Public Health,								
16					counseling and testing (VCT) for changing HIV-related risk behavior in	Department of International								
17	CSR	113	2012		1 CD001224. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.	Behavioral Interventions	USA	2012	HIV-prevention	Prevention	voluntary	clinical,	Multiple	
18					Shields L, Zhou H, Pratt J, Taylor M, Hunter J, Pascoe E. Family-centred	Health, Social and					counseling and	mobile or		
19					care for hospitalised children aged 0-12 years. Cochrane Database of	Behavioral Interventions					testing VCT	home setting		
20	CSR	114	2012	update	1 CD004811. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004811.pub3.	USA	2012							
21					Nava F, Ghilotti F, Maggi L, Hatemi G, Del Bianco A, Merlo C, Filippini G,	Tropical Health Research	AUS	2012	pediatric care	Treatment	family-centred	hospital	Inpatient/	
22					Tramacere I. Biologics, colchicine, corticosteroids, immunosuppressants	Unit for Nursing and					models of care		Hospital	
23	CSR	115	2014		1 CD007796. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007796.pub3.	Midwifery Practice,			Neuro-Behçet	Treatment	different	inpatients and	Multiple	
24					and interferon-alpha for Neuro-Behçet's Syndrome. Cochrane Database of	Townsville, QLD, Australia			Syndrome		treatments	outpatients		
25					Njei B, Kongnyuy EJ, Kumar S, Okwen MP, Sankar MJ, Mbuagbaw L.	University of Milano-	ITA	2014	(NBS)					
26					Optimal timing for antiretroviral therapy initiation in patients with HIV	Bicocca, Faculty of								
27	CSR	116	2013		1 CD000000. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000000.	Statistical Science, Milan,								
28					Lager KE, Mistri AK, Khunti K, Haunton VJ, Sett AK, Wilson AD.	Italy								
29					Interventions for improving modifiable risk factor control in the secondary	School of Medicine,								
30	CSR	117	2014		1 CD009103. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009103.	Department of Medicine,	USA	2013	HIV treatment	Treatment	antiretroviral	outpatients	Outpatient	
31					Chen W, Zhang Y, Li X, Yang G, Liu JP. Chinese herbal medicine for	Farmington, Connecticut,					therapy			
32					diabetic peripheral neuropathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews	USA								
33	CSR	118	2013	update	1 CD007796. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007796.pub3.	University of Leicester,	GBR	2014	secondary	Prevention	modifiable risk	outpatients	Outpatient	
34					Fede G, Germani G, Gluud C, Gurusamy KS, Burroughs AK.	Department of Health			stroke		factor control			
35					Propylthiouracil for alcoholic liver disease. Cochrane Database of	Sciences, Leicester, UK			prevention					
36	CSR	119	2011	update	1 CD002800. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD002800.pub3.	Chinese Medicine, Centre								
37					Jefferson T, Rivetti A, Di Pietrantonj C, Demicheli V, Ferroni E. Vaccines for	for Evidence-Based								
38					preventing influenza in healthy children. Cochrane Database of Systematic	Chinese Medicine, Beijing,	CHN	2013	chinese herbal	Treatment	chinese herbs,	inpatients and	Multiple	
39	CSR	120	2012	update	1 CD004879. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004879.pub4.	China			medicine		medicine	outpatients		
40						Royal Free Hampstead								
41						NHS Foundation Trust,								
42						Sheila Sherlock Liver								
43						Centre, London, UK	GBR	2011	alcoholic liver	Treatment	Propylthiouracil	outpatients	Outpatient	
44									disease		administration			
45														
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1	adults with			institutional: National				
2	past			Institute for Health				
3	cardiovascul			Research (NIHR)				
4	ar event	2505 adult	f/m	programme grant,	none	yes		0
5				institutional: Centre				
6				for Clinical				
7	adults	390769 adult	f/m	Research,	none	yes		0
8				institutional: South				
9				African Medical				
10	adolescents	1139 < 19	f/m	Research Council,	none	yes		0
11	antidepressa			South Africa., Open	institutional:	previously		
12	nt-induced			Department of		acted as a		
13	sexual			Psychiatry, University	temporary	consultant for	yes	
14	dysfunction	1886 adult	f/m	of Oxford, UK.,				0
15	adults, low-			institutional: World				
16	or middle-			Health Organization,				
17	income	40309 adult	f/m	Department of	none	yes		0
18	country			HIV/AIDS,				
19	children 0 -					and MT work		
20	12	288 0 - 12	f/m	governmental,	institutional	for paediatric	health	
21				institutional:		facilities	yes	1
22	patients > 13			Fondazione				
23	with NBS			I.R.C.C.S. Istituto				
24	diagnosed	0 > 13	f/m	Neurologico Carlo	none	yes		0
25	HIV patients			governmental,				
26	with			institutional:				
27	cryptococcal	337 adult	f/m	Cochrane HIV/AIDS	none	yes		0
28	meningitis			Review Group, USA.				
29	patients with			institutional:	has received			
30	ischaemic/ha			Department of Health	speaker fees			
31	emorrhagic			Sciences, University	for talks on			
32	stroke or TIA	8021 adult	f/m	of Leicester, UK.	stroke from	yes		0
33	diabetic			institutional: National				
34	peripheral	no		Basic Research				
35	neuropathy	restriction		Program of China,				
36	DPN	3639 s	f/m	Centre for Evidence-	none	yes		0
37	alcoholic			institutional: The				
38	steatosis,			Copenhagen Trial				
39	fibrosis,			Unit, Denmark., The				
40	hepatitis,	710 adult	f/m	Danish Medical	none	yes		0
41				institutional:				
42				REGIONE	Jefferson was			
43	healthy			PIEMONTE ASL 20	an ad hoc			
44	children	300000 0 - 16	f/m	ALESSANDRIA,	consultant for	yes		0
45					F. Hoffman-			
46								

1					Akl EA, Oxman AD, Herrin J, Vist GE, Terrenato I, Sperati F, Costiniuk C, Blank D, Schünemann H. Framing of health information messages. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD006777. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006777.pub2.	Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	CAN	2011	framing of health information messages	Health Services	negatively/positively framed health messages	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
2	CSR	121	2011	1	Smart NA, Marshall BJ, Daley M, Boulous E, Windus J, Baker N, Kwok N. Low-fat diets for acquired hypercholesterolaemia. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD007957. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007957.pub2.	Bond University, Faculty of Health Science and Medicine, Robina, Queensland, Australia	AUS	2011	acquired hypercholesterolaemia	Treatment	any kind of low-fat diet	community setting	Community
3	CSR	122	2011	1	Cheuk DKL, Chiang AKS, Lee TL, Chan GCF, Ha SY. Vaccines for prophylaxis of viral infections in patients with hematological malignancies. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD006505. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006505.pub2.	Kong, Queen Mary Hospital, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, Hong Kong SAR, China	CHN	2011	viral vaccines in patients with hematological malignancies	Treatment	viral vaccination	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
4	CSR	123	2011	1	Kwong JSW, Lau HLC, Yeung F, Chau PH. Yoga for secondary prevention of coronary heart disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 7. Art. No.: CD009506. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009506.pub4.	Sichuan University, Chinese Cochrane Center, Chinese Evidence-Based Medicine Center, Chengdu, China	CHN	2015	secondary prevention of coronary heart disease	Prevention	any type of yoga exercises	yoga program-setting	Outpatient
5	CSR	124	2015 update	1	Overdevest GM, Jacobs W, Vleggeert-Lankamp C, Thomé C, Gunzburg R, Peul W. Effectiveness of posterior decompression techniques compared with conventional laminectomy for lumbar stenosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD000000.	Leiden University Medical Center, Department of Neurosurgery, Leiden, Netherlands	NED	2015	treatment of lumbar stenosis	Treatment	bilateral laminotomy	hospital (surgery)	Inpatient/Hospital
6	CSR	125	2015	1	Martí-Carvajal AJ, Knight-Madden JM, Martínez-Zapata MJ. Interventions for treating leg ulcers in people with sickle cell disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD008394. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008394.pub3.	Iberoamerican Cochrane Network, Valencia, Venezuela	VEN	2014	leg ulcers in people with sickle cell disease	Treatment	any clinical interventions	hospital or community setting	Multiple
7	CSR	126	2014 update	1	Junker AE, Als-Nielsen B, Gluud C, Gluud LL. Dopamine agents for hepatic encephalopathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD003047. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003047.pub3.	Gentofte Hospital, Department of Medicine F, Hellerup, Denmark	DNK	2014	treatment of hepatic encephalopathy	Treatment	dopamine agonists	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
8	CSR	127	2014 update	1	Peckham EJ, Nelson EA, Greenhalgh J, Cooper K, Roberts ER, Agrawal A. Homeopathy for treatment of irritable bowel syndrome. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD009710. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009710.pub2.	University of York, Department of Health Sciences, Heslington, UK	GBR	2013	irritable bowel syndrome	Treatment	homeopathic treatment	inpatients and outpatients	Multiple
9	CSR	128	2013	1	Okwundu CI, Nagpal S, Musekiwa A, Sinclair D. Home- or community-based programmes for treating malaria. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009527. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009527.pub2.	Centre for Evidence-based Health Care, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Tygerberg, South Africa	ZAF	2013	malaria treatment programmes	Treatment	Home- or community-based programmes	home or community setting	Multiple
10	CSR	129	2013	1	Rahimi-Movaghar A, Amin-Esmaeili M, Hefazi M, Yousefi-Nooraie R. Pharmacological therapies for maintenance treatments of opium dependence. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD007775. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007775.pub2.	for HIV/AIDS (IRCHA), Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Department for Mental Health, Tehran, Iran	IRN	2013	opium dependence	Treatment	any pharmacological therapies	outpatients	Outpatient

34	<b>Systematic reviews (non-Cochrane)</b>												
35													
36	SR	131	2015	1	Rush CJ, Campbell RT, Jhund PS, et al. Falling cardiovascular mortality in heart failure with reduced ejection fraction and implications for clinical trials. JACC Heart Fail. 2015;3(8):603–14.	Hairmyres Hospital, East Kilbride, Scotland, United Kingdom	GBR	2015	heart failure mortality	Treatment	disease-modifying therapies, esp. beta-blockers	outpatients and inpatients	Multiple

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1	consumers,									
2	health				institutional: State		review			
3	professionals				University of New		authors were			
4	, policy	16342	adult	f/m	York at Buffalo, NY,		also authors			
5	acquired (not				USA., Italian National		of one	yes		0
6	familial)				institutional: Primary					
7	hypercholest				Healthcare Research					
8	erolaemia	0	adult	f/m	Education and		none	yes		0
9	patients with				Development					
10	hematologica				institutional: The					
11	l				University of Hong					
12	malignancies	593	s	f/m	Kong, Hong Kong,		none	yes		0
13	adults with				restriction					
14	diagnosis of				Cochrane					
15	acute or				institutional: The					
16	chronic CHD	0	adult	f/m	Chinese University of		none	yes		0
17	patients with				Hong Kong, Hong					
18	lumbar				Kong.					
19	stenosis	733	adult	f/m	governmental,					
20	adults with				institutional: Leiden		none	yes		0
21	sickle cell				University Medical					
22	disease	198	adult	f/m	Center, Netherlands.		Carvajal was			
23	patients with				institutional:		employed by			
24	hepatic				Iberoamerican		Eli Lilly to run			
25	encephalopa				Cochrane Center,		a four-hour	yes		1
26	thy	144	adult	f/m	Spain., Cystic					
27	patients with				institutional:					
28	irritable				Copenhagen Trial					
29	bowel				Unit, Denmark., The		none	yes		0
30	syndrome	213	adult	f/m	1991 Pharmacy		contributed to			
31	and adults				institutional:		the design			
32	with fever or				University of Leeds,		and			
33	malaria	not	no		UK., Homeopathy		management	yes		0
34	symptoms	ed	s	f/m	Research Institute,					
35	opioid				institutional: Centre					
36	dependent				for Evidence-Based					
37	adults	870	adult	f/m	Health Care,		none	yes		0
38	patients with				Stellenbosch					
39	chronic heart				governmental,					
40	failure	136182	adult	f/m	institutional: Tehran					
41					University of Medical					
42					Sciences, Iran.		none	yes		0
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					institutional:					
					universities, British		none			
					Heart Foundation		not	mentione		
					Project Grant,		mentioned	d		0
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4	SR	132	2015	1	Foersch M, Jacobs C, Wriedt S, Hechtner M, Wehrbein H. Effectiveness of maxillary protraction using facemask with or without maxillary expansion: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Clinical Oral Investigations</i> [serial online]. July 2015;19(6):1181-119	and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz Medical Center, DEU	2015	deficient maxilla and reverse overbite	Treatment	maxillary protraction with face mask therapy	home setting	Home											
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7	SR	133	2015	1	Sipe TA, Finnie RKC, Knopf JA, et al. Effects of mental health benefits legislation: A Community Guide systematic review. <i>Am J Prev Med.</i> 2015;48(6):755–766.	Analysis, and Library Services, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, USA	2015	mental health	Health Services	Health insurance benefits for mental health services	outpatients	Outpatient											
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9																							
10	SR	134	2013	1	A.A. Ahmed, E. Alsharief, A. Alsharief, Intensive versus conventional glyceic control: what is best for patients with type 2 diabetes? <i>Diabetes Metab Syndr</i> , 7 (2013), pp. 48–51	Cardiff University, UK	GBR	2013	Type 2 Diabetes	intensive and conventional insulin therapy	home setting	Home											
11																							
12																							
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14	SR	135	2012	1	M. Panagioti, P.A. Gooding, N. Tarrier A meta-analysis of the association between posttraumatic stress disorder and suicidality: the role of comorbid depression; <i>Compr. Psychiatry</i> , 53 (2012), pp. 915–930	School of Psychological Sciences, University of Manchester, United Kingdom	GBR	2012	posttraumatic stress disorder	community-based	measuring frequency of suicidality	outpatients	Outpatient										
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16																							
17	SR	136	2015	1	Z. Wang Age-dependent decline of association between obesity and mortality: a systematic review and meta-analysis <i>Obes Res Clin Pract</i> , 9 (2015), pp. 1–11	School of Medicine, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia	AUS	2015	obesity–mortality association	community-based	assessing effect of obesity on mortality	community setting	Community										
18																							
19																							
20	SR	137	2015	1	E. Rolka A systematic review of music and dyslexia, <i>The Arts in Psychotherapy</i> , 46 (2015), pp 24-32	School of Music, 100 Ferguson Hall, 2106 4th Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55455, USA	USA	2015	dyslexia	Treatment	music interventions	therapy setting	Outpatient										
21																							
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23	SR	138	2011	1	Wu S, Cohen D, Shi Y, Pearson M, Sturm R. Economic analysis of physical activity interventions. <i>Am J Prev Med.</i> 2011;40(2):149–58.	RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California	USA	2011	physical activity	Prevention	interventions promoting physical activity	school and community setting	Community										
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27	SR	139	2012	1	Rodgers M, Asaria M, Walker S, McMillan D, Lucock M, Harden M, et al.The clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of low-intensity psychological interventions for the secondary prevention of relapse after depression: a systematic review. <i>Health Technol Treatng Aromatase Inhibitor–Related Arthralgia in Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.</i> <i>Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine.</i> 2015;21(5):251-260. doi:10.1089/acm.2014.0083.	Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, University of York, York, UK	GBR	2012	secondary prevention of depression	Prevention	low- intensity psychological interventions	inpatients and outpatients	Multiple										
28																							
29																							
30	SR	140	2015	1	Int J Integr Care 2013; Jul–Sep; URN:NBN:NL:UI:10-1-114740 , Community services' involvement in the discharge of older adults from hospital into the community, Comparison of labor and delivery care provided by certified nurse-midwives and physicians: a systematic review, 1990 to 2008. <i>Womens Health Issues Off Publ Jacobs Inst Womens Health.</i> 2012;22:e73–e81. doi: 10.1016/j.whi.2011.06.005.	Institute of Traditional Medicine, National Yang-Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan.	TWN	2015	arthralgia in breast cancer patients	Treatment	acupuncture	therapy setting (acupuncture)	Outpatient										
31																							
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33	SR	141	2013	1	Int J Integr Care 2013; Jul–Sep; URN:NBN:NL:UI:10-1-114740 , Community services' involvement in the discharge of older adults from hospital into the community, Comparison of labor and delivery care provided by certified nurse-midwives and physicians: a systematic review, 1990 to 2008. <i>Womens Health Issues Off Publ Jacobs Inst Womens Health.</i> 2012;22:e73–e81. doi: 10.1016/j.whi.2011.06.005.	Division of Health Sciences, University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia	AUS	2013	discharge procedure	Health Services	community services	community setting	Community										
34																							
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36	SR	142	2012	1	Comparison of labor and delivery care provided by certified nurse-midwives and physicians: a systematic review, 1990 to 2008. <i>Womens Health Issues Off Publ Jacobs Inst Womens Health.</i> 2012;22:e73–e81. doi: 10.1016/j.whi.2011.06.005.	University of Maryland School of Nursing, Baltimore, USA	USA	2012	Labor and Delivery Care	Treatment	labor and delivery care	birth setting	Inpatient/ Hospital										
37																							
38																							
39	SR	143	2015	1	C., Soulié, A6:1134 (2015). [Management of low-risk prostate cancer]. <i>Progrès En Urologie : Journal de l'Association Française d'urologie et de La Société Française d'urologie</i> , 25(1), 1–10. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.purol.2014.10.007	Université Paris Descartes, institut Montsouris, 42, boulevard Jourdan, 75014 Paris, France	FRA	2015	low-risk prostate cancer	Treatment	different treatments	inpatients and outpatients	Multiple										
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2	patients								
3	treated with								
4	face mask	936	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	yes	0	1
5	covered by								
6	private or	not	no				yes (not		
7	public	mention	restriction	f/m	governmental, institutional	not	mentione d)	1	1
8	insurance	ed	s						
9	patients with						none		
10	type 2						mentione		
11	diabetes	23182	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	d	0	0
12	diagnosed								
13	with						none		
14	posttraumati c stress	354	> 14	f/m	governmental, institutional	not	mentione d	0	1
15	individuals								
16	with BMI >						yes (not		
17	30	4650877	adult	f/m	institutional: National Health andMedical Research Council of Australia	none	d)	1	1
18	patients								
19	suffering								
20	from dyslexia	2726	6 to 36	f/m	governmental, institutional	not	mentioned	no	1
21									
22		not	no				none		
23	Population	mention	restriction	f/m	governmental, institutional: National Cancer research	not	mentione d	0	1
24	adults	ed	s		institute, UK	mentioned			
25	receiving	not							
26	treatment for	mention							
27	depression	ed	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	yes	0	0
28	women with								
29	breast						none		
30	cancer						mentione d		
31	stages I - III	207	adult	f	governmental, institutional	none		0	1
32	patients > 65						none		
33	discharged						mentione d		
34	from hospital	8440	> 65	f/m	governmental, institutional	not	mentioned	0	0
35									
36	pregnant		no				none		
37	women	2836410	restriction	f	governmental, institutional, supported by Tri- Council for Nursing and the Advanced	not	mentione d	0	0
38	patients with								
39	low-risk	not					none		
40	prostate	mention					mentione d		
41	cancer	ed	adult	m	governmental, institutional	none		0	1

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4	SR	144	2014	1	Maglione, Margaret A.; Das, Lopamudra; Raaen, Laura; et al. Safety of Vaccines Used for Routine Immunization of US Children: A Systematic Review PEDIATRICS Volume: 134 Issue: 2 Pages: 325-337 Published: AUG 2014 DOI http://dx.doi.org/10.1542/peds.	RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California;	USA	2014	vaccination	Treatment	assessing safety and adverse effects	outpatients	Outpatient											
5																								
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7	SR	145	2014	1	Albrecht B, Staiger PK, Hall K, et al. (2014) Benzodiazepine use and aggressive behaviour: A systematic review. Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry 48: 1096–1114. doi: 10.1177/0004867414548902	School of Psychology, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia	AUS	2014	benzodiazepines association between dietary sugar and bodyweight	Treatment	benzodiazepine consumption	community and hospital setting	Multiple											
8																								
9																								
10	SR	146	2012	1	Te Morenga Lisa, Mallard Simonette, Mann Jim. Dietary sugars and body weight: systematic review and meta-analyses of randomised controlled trials and cohort studies BMJ 2013; 346 :e7492 doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmj.e7492	Nutrition and Medicine, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054, New Zealand	NZL	2012	sugar and bodyweight	community-based	ad libitum diets	community setting	Community											
11																								
12																								
13	SR	147	2014	1	Pierre M. J. Zelissen & Frank J. G. Backx (2014) Impact of Overt and Subclinical Hypothyroidism on Exercise Tolerance: A Systematic Review, Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 85:3, 365-389, DOI: 10.1080/02701367.2014.930405	Rehabilitation, Nursing Science and Sport, University Medical Center Utrecht	NED	2014	primary hypothyroidism	community-based	exercise	outpatients	Outpatient											
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16	SR	148	2013	1	Vanessa Siffredi , Vicki Anderson , Richard J. Leventer & Megan M. Spencer- Smith (2013) Neuropsychological Profile of Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum: A Systematic Review, Developmental Neuropsychology, 38:1, 36-57, DOI: 10.1080/87565641.2012.721421	Murdoch Childrens Research Institute , Melbourne , Australia	AUS	2013	Agenesis of Corpus Callosum	community-based	measuring of IQ (quantitative)	laboratory setting	different/ other											
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19	SR	149	2015	1	Llewellyn, A., Simmonds, M., Owen, C. G., and Woolacott, N. (2015) Childhood obesity as a predictor of morbidity in adulthood: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Obes Rev, 17: 56–67. doi: 10.1111/obr.12316.	Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, University of York, York, UK	GBR	2015	childhood obesity	community-based	assessing effect of obesity on mortality	community setting	Community											
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22	SR	150	2014	1	Matsuda, A., Yamaoka, K., Tango, T., Matsuda, T., Nishimoto, H. (2014). Effectiveness of psychoeducational support on quality of life in early-stage breast cancer patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. Qual Life R	Center for Cancer Control and Information Services, National Cancer Center, 5-1-1 Tsukiji, Chuo-ku, Tokyo	JPN	2014	breast cancer	Treatment	psychoeducational support	psychotherapy setting	Outpatient											
23																								
24																								
25	SR	151	2013	1	A. Bak, J. Browne, H. P. Loveday and A. Tsiami (2013). Systematic review of nutritional interventions to prevent healthcare-associated infections in undernourished elderly. Proceedings of the Nutrition Society, 72, E212 doi:10.1017/S0029665113002371.	Joanna Briggs Institute Collaboration Centre, University of West London, Brentford TW8 9GA, UK	GBR	2013	undernourishment of older people	Treatment	nutritional interventions	healthcare setting	different/other											
26																								
27																								
28	SR	152	2014	1	L. Bourke, K. E. Homer, M. A. Thaha, L. Steed, D. J. Rosario, K. A. Robb, J. M. Saxton and S. J. C. Taylor Interventions to improve exercise behaviour in sedentary people living with and beyond cancer: A systematic review British Journal of Cancer (2014)	Care and Public Health, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Blizard Institute,	GBR	2014	cancer and exercise	Treatment	improving exercise behaviour	community setting	Community											
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32	SR	153	2013	1	Library of Systematic Reviews, [S.I.], v. 8, n. 16 Suppl, p. S34 - 45, jul. 2010. ISSN 1838-2142. http://www.joannabriggslibrary.org/jbibr/index.php/jbisrir/article/view/571/	School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Health, University of Newcastle.	GBR	2013	childhood obesity	Prevention	parent-centered interventions	community , family setting	Community											
33																								
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35	SR	154	2014	1	peptidase-4 inhibitors versus intermediate-acting insulin or placebo for patients with type 2 diabetes failing two oral antihyperglycaemic agents: a systematic review and network meta-analysis. BMJ Open 2014;4:e005752. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2014-005752	Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.	CAN	2014	DPP-4 inhibitors in type 2 diabetes	Treatment	DPP-4 inhibitors/therapy	Home setting	Home											
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38	SR	155	2012	1	Agarwal R, Goldenberg M, Perry R, Ishak WW. The Quality of Life of Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: A Systematic Review. Innovations in Clinical Neuroscience. 2012;9(5-6):10-21.	Brookdale University Hospital, Brooklyn, New York	USA	2012	quality of life in ADHD patients	community-based	quality of life measurement	community setting	community											



1									
2				institutional: Agency					
3		not		for Healthcare				yes (not	
4	children	mention	children	Research and	Quality, US	none		d)	1 1
5		ed					has received		
6							speaking	yes (not	
7	adults		74536 adult	f/m	governmental,		from	d)	1 1
8					institutional:				
9			no		University of Otago		the University		
10	Population		restriction	f/m	and the Riddet		of Otago,		
11	patients with	517844	s		Institute, a New		Riddet	yes	1 1
12	primary								
13	hypothyreosi				governmental,			none	
14	s	1379	16 - 80	f/m	institutional	not		mentione	0 1
15	with				institutional: Victorian				
16	diagnosed				Government's			none	
17	agenesis of				Operational	not		mentione	
18	Corpus	110	0 - 73	f/m	Infrastructure	mentioned		d	0 0
19	children and				governmental,				
20	adolescents	4648420	0 - 18	f/m	institutional: NIHR	none		yes	0 1
21	early- stage				HTA Programme,				
22	breast				institutional: Ministry				
23	cancer				of Education, Culture,			none	
24	patients	1159	adult	f	Sports, Science and	not		mentione	0 1
25	(some				Technology in Japan	mentioned		d	
26	undernourish							yes (not	
27	ed, some				governmental,	not		mentione	
28	well	2485	> 59	m/f	institutional	mentioned		d)	0 0
29	people with								
30	primary				governmental,			yes (not	
31	cancer				institutional	not		mentione	
32	diagnosis	648	adult	m/f		mentioned		d)	0 1
33	school,								
34	primary and	not			governmental,			yes (not	
35	secondary	mention			institutional	none		mentione	
36	school)	ed	< 18	m/f				d)	0 0
37	patients with				institutional:				
38	type 2				Canadian Institutes				
39	diabetes	2967	adult	m/f	for Health	none		yes	1 1
40					Research/Drug				
41									
42					governmental,				
43	no restriction	18933	s	m/f	institutional	none		no	0 0

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1				Ian C. Scott, Rachael Tan, Daniel Stahl, Sophia Steer, Cathryn M. Lewis, and Andrew P. Cope The protective effect of alcohol on developing rheumatoid arthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis Rheumatology (2013) 52 (5): 856-867 first published online 15 August 2013	Cellular Biology of Inflammation, Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics, Guy's Hospital, London, UK	GBR	2013	rheumatoid arthritis	community-based	alcohol intake	community setting	Community
2	SR	156	2013									
3				Hu MB, Xu H, Bai PD, et al. Obesity has multifaceted impact on biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer: a dose-response meta-analysis of 36,927 patients. Med Oncol 2014; 31:829. DOI: 10.1007/s12032-013-0829-8	Huashan Hospital, Fudan University, No.12 Wulumuqi Road, Shanghai, 200040, China	CHN	2014	prostate cancer	Prevention	assessing effect of obesity (BMI) on recurrence	clinical setting	Outpatient
4				Blasco, M.A., Redleaf, M.I., 2014. Cochlear implantation in unilateral sudden deafness improves tinnitus and speech comprehension: meta-analysis and systematic review. Otol. Neurotol. 35 (8), 1426-1432. DOI: 10.1097/MAO.0000000000000431	College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois	USA	2014	cochlear implants	Treatment	hearing loss	outpatients	Outpatient
5	SR	157	2014									
6				Physical Activity in Overweight and Obese Adolescents: Systematic Review of the Effects on Physical Fitness Components and Cardiovascular Risk Factors SPORTS MEDICINE Volume: 44 Issue: 8 Pages: 1139-1152 Published: AUG 2014	Janeiro, Lab Phys Act & Hlth Promot, Inst Phys Educ & Sports, BR-20550013 Rio De Janeiro, Division of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick, CV4 7AL, UK	BRA	2014	obesity prevention	Prevention	physical activity	community, therapy setting	Multiple
7	SR	158	2014									
8				Gibbs et al., 2014, M. Gibbs, C. Winsper, S. Marwaha, E. Gilbert, M. Broome, S.P. Singh, Cannabis use and mania symptoms: a systematic review and meta-analysis J. Affect. Disord., 171C (2014), pp. 39–47, doi:10.1016/j.jad.2014.09.016		GBR	2015	cannabis use	community-based	cannabis use and association with mania	community setting	Community
9	SR	159	2014									
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2					undertaking a			
3	drinkers/non-	96462	adult	m/f	governmental,	clinical re-	none	
4	drinkers				institutional: Arthritis	search	mentione	
5	patients with				Research UK	fellowship,	d	0 0
6	primary				governmental,			
7	prostate	36927	adult	m	institutional: National		none	
8	cancer				Natural Science		mentione	
9	patients with				Foundation of China	none	d	0 0
10	unilateral							
11	hearing loss	36	adult	m/f	governmental,		none	
12	overweight				institutional	none	mentione	
13	and obese				institutional: Carlos		d	0 0
14	adolescents	1616	12 - 17	m/f	Chagas Filho			
15	who had				Foundation for the	none	mentione	
16	experienced				Research Support in	none	d	0 1
17	mania	2391	> 12	m/f				
18	symptoms				governmental,		yes (not	
19					institutional	none	mentione	
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2	Anesthesia	no						
3	patients of all	restriction		governmental,	not	no		
4	ages	3538 s	m/f	institutional	mentioned	protocol		1
5	adults with			governmental,				
6	severe	not		institutional:				
7	mental	mention		Canadian Psychiatric		no		
8	illness SMI	ed	adult	m/f	Association	none	protocol	0
9				institutional: Cancer				
10		not		Care Ontario,		none		
11	adults	mention	adult	m/f	Ministry of Health	not	mentione	1
12	patients in			and Long-Term Care	mentioned	d		
13	emergency	>	no					
14	department	1700000	restriction	m/f	governmental,	none	yes	1
15	repeatedly			institutional				
16	visiting ED	not	no		governmental,		none	
17	within 48 or	mention	restriction	m/f	institutional	none	mentione	0
18	72h	ed	s				d	
19	patients						none	
20	undergoing			governmental,	not	mentione		
21	surgery	45516	adult	m	institutional	mentioned	d	0
22	receiving							
23	mental	not	no				none	
24	health	mention	restriction	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	0
25	services	ed	s		institutional		d	
26				institutional: Cancer				
27	Population	not	no	m/f	Care Ontario,	not	yes	0
28		mention	restriction		Ministry of Health	mentioned		
29	Patients with	ed	s	m/f	and Long-Term Care	mentioned	yes	0
30	cancer	ed	s	m/f	Institute NSW	mentioned	yes (not	0
31							mentione	
32	patients with				governmental,		d)	
33	chronic pain	2418	adult	m/f	institutional	none	d)	1
34	symptoms				institutional; National	the authors of		
35					Institute for Health	The Marmot	none	
36	adolescent		adolescen	f	Research (NIHR), UK	Review's Fair	mentione	
37	girls	16744	t		Clinical Research	Society	d	
38					institutional: National			
39		not	no		Institute for Health		none	
40	Population	mention	restriction	m/f	and Clinical		mentione	
41		ed	s		Excellence (NICE),	none	d	0

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1					Sensory Art Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, John Bingham, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15	Samueli Institute, Alexandria, Virginia, USA	USA	2014	chronic pain management	Treatment	sensory art & music therapies	therapy setting	Outpatient
2					(S1) S66-S75; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12409								
3					Ndumbe-Eyoh S, Moffatt H. Intersectoral action for health equity: a rapid systematic review. BMC Public Health. 2013;13:1056-2458-13-1056. DOI: 10.1186/1471-2458-13-1056	Centre for Determinants of Health, P,O,Box 5000, Antigonish NS B2G 2 W5, Canada	CAN	2013	health equity	Health Services	Any intersectoral intervention involving public health	community and school setting	Community
4	RR	173	2014	1									
5					Brunton, G., Paraskeva, N., Caird, J., Bird, K. S., Kavanagh, J., Kwan, I., & ... Thomas, J. (2014). Psychosocial predictors, assessment, and outcomes of cosmetic procedures: a systematic rapid evidence assessment. Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, 38(5), 1030-1040. doi:10.1007/s00266-014-0369-4	Social Science Research Unit, EPPI-Centre, Institute of Education, University of London	GBR	2014	psychological outcomes of cosmetic procedures	Treatment	cosmetic interventions	inpatient	Inpatient/Hospital
6					Geddes et al., 2011, R. Geddes, J. Frank, S. Haw, A rapid review of key strategies to improve the cognitive and social development of children in Scotland, Health Policy, 101 (2011), pp. 20–28	Public Health Research and Policy, MRC Human Genetics Unit building, Western General Hospital, Activity Research (CEDAR), Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge	GBR	2011	cognitive and social development of children	Treatment	early childhood interventions	community setting	Community
7	RR	174	2013	1									
8					Humphreys, DK, Ogilvie, D. Synthesising evidence for equity impacts of population-based physical activity interventions: A pilot study. Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act. 2013;10:76. DOI: 10.1186/1479-5868-10-76				population-level interventions on social inequalities	Prevention	population-based physical activity interventions	community setting	Community
9					Muñoz, K., Caballero, A., & White, K. (2014). Effectiveness of questionnaires for screening hearing of school-age children: a comprehensive literature review. International Journal Of Audiology, 53(12), 910-914. doi:10.3109/14992027.2014.943846	Communication Disorders & Deaf Education, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA	USA	2014	hearing loss children	community-based	screening for hearing loss	school setting	Community
10	RR	175	2014	1									
11					Physically Oriented Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, Todd May, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15	Samueli Institute, Alexandria, Virginia, USA	USA	2014	chronic pain management	Treatment	Physically oriented therapies	therapy setting	Outpatient
12					(S1) S54-S65; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12410								
13					Moe-Byrne, T., Chambers, D., Harden, M., McDaid, C., Behaviour change interventions to promote prescribing of generic drugs: A rapid evidence synthesis and systematic review (2014) BMJ Open, 4 (5), art. no. e004623. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2013-004623	University of York, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, York, UK	GBR	2014	prescribing generic drugs	Health Services	behaviour change interventions	National Health Service and similar	different/other
14	RR	176	2011	1									
15					health interventions to monitor, promote and improve the health of adults with intellectual disabilities in the community: a systematic review. Research in Developmental Disabilities 35, 887–907. doi: 10.1016/j.ridd.2014.01.010	Mental Health Sciences, Charles Bell House, 2nd Floor, 67-73 Riding House Street, London W1W 7EJ, Department of Health Sciences, University of York, York, YO10 5DD, United Kingdom (UK)	GBR	2014	intellectual disabilities	Treatment	carer-led interventions	community setting (carer-led)	Community
16					Mann R, Gilbody S. Validity of two case finding questions to detect postnatal depression: a review of diagnostic test accuracy. J Affect Disord. 2011;133:388–97. doi:10.1016/j.jad.2010.11.015.				postnatal depression	community-based	Assessing PND with different methods	post-birth setting	Outpatient
17	RR	177	2013	1									
18					Barry, M. M., D'Eath, M., & Sixsmith, J. (2013). Interventions for improving population health literacy: insights from a rapid review of the evidence. Journal Of Health Communication, 18(12), 1507-1522. doi:10.1080/10810730.2013.840699	Health Promotion Research Centre, National University of Ireland Galway, Galway, Ireland	IRL	2013	population health literacy	Health Services	Communication / health literacy interventions	community setting	Community
19					Kessel, A., Zambon, M., Nguyen-Van-Tam, J. S. and on behalf of the UK Antiviral Effectiveness Review Group (2013), Neuraminidase inhibitors for influenza: a review and public health perspective in the aftermath of the 2009 pandemic. Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses, 7: 14–24. doi:	Influenza Research Group, Division of Epidemiology and Public Health, School of Community Health	GBR	2013	influenza management and prevention	Treatment	neuraminidase inhibitors (NAIs)	community (focuses on epidemics)	Community
20	RR	178	2014	1									
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23	RR	179	2014	1									
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26	RR	180	2014	1									
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30	RR	181	2014	1									
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33	RR	182	2011	1									
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1	patients							
2	suffering					none		
3	from chronic				governmental,	mentione		
4	pain	711	adult	m/f	institutional	d	0	
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6	general		no		governmental,	yes (not		
7	population	115613	restriction	m/f	institutional	d)	1	
8	participants				institutional: Policy			
9	requesting	not	no		Research	yes (not		
10	cosmetic	mention	restriction	m/f	Programme in the	mentione		
11	procedures	ed	s		Department of Health	d)	1	
12					institutional:			
13	children 0–5	not			SCPHRP is funded	none		
14	years	mention	0 - 5	m/f	by the Medical	mentione		
15					Research Council	d	0	
16	general	not	no		institutional: British	none		
17	population	mention	restriction	m/f	Heart Foundation,	mentione		
18		ed	s		Economic and Social	d	0	
19					Research Council,			
20	school age				governmental,	yes (not		
21	children	2717	2 - 13	m/f	institutional	d)	0	
22	patients							
23	suffering					none		
24	from chronic				governmental,	mentione		
25	pain	1087	adult	m/f	institutional	d	0	
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27	healthcare	not			governmental,			
28	providers	mention	adult	m/f	institutional: NIHR	yes	1	
29	patients with	ed			CLAHRC for Leeds,			
30	and without				York & Bradford			
31	intellectual				institutional: National			
32	disabilities	4721	> 2	m/f	Institute for Health	yes	0	
33					Research (NIHR)			
34	adult women				institutional: Hull York	yes (not		
35	with live birth	506	adult	f	Medical School	mentione		
36					(HYMS), University of	d)	0	
37					York, York			
38	adult health	not			institutional:	yes (not		
39	service users	mention	adult	m/f	European Centre for	mentione		
40		ed			Disease Prevention	d)	1	
41					and Control (ECDC)			
42					mentioned			
43					institutional: Health			
44	Population	not	no	m/f	Protection Agency	yes		
45		mention	restriction		(HPA) and the	related		
46		ed	s		Department of	research from	1	

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4	RR	185	2012	1	McMurrin, M. (2012). Individual-level interventions for alcohol-related violence: a rapid evidence assessment. <i>Criminal Behaviour And Mental Health: CBMH</i> , 22(1), 14-28. doi:10.1002/cbm.821	Institute of Mental Health, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK	GBR	2012	alcohol-related violence	Treatment	psychological interventions	therapy setting	Outpatient
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7	RR	186	2014	1	Smit, Jonna K. van Vulpen, Inge Wegner, Inge Stegeman, and Wilko Grolman, Rapid Systematic Review of Normal Audiometry Results as a Predictor for Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo, <i>Otolaryngology -- Head and Neck Surgery</i> June 2014 150: 919-924, KONNYU, K., KWOK, E., SKIDMORE, B., MOHER, D.. The effectiveness and safety of emergency department short stay units: a rapid review. <i>Open Medicine</i> , North America, 6, jan. 2012. Available at: <a href="http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/view/478/449">http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/view/478/449</a> .	Otorhinolaryngology--Head and Neck Surgery, University Medical Center, Utrecht, The Netherlands	NED	2014	benign paroxysmal positional vertigo	community-based	pure-tone audiometry	audiometry setting	Outpatient
8													
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10	RR	187	2012	1	P., Rankin, N., and Kirsten, L. (2015) Clinical pathway for the screening, assessment and management of anxiety and depression in adult cancer patients: Australian guidelines. <i>Psycho-Oncology</i> , 24: 987-1001. doi: 10.1002/pon.3920.	Department of Emergency Medicine at The Ottawa Hospital	CAN	2012	length of emergency department stay	Health Services	ED short stay units (SSU)	emergency department	Inpatient/ Hospital
11													
12													
13	RR	188	2015	1	R.B. Costello, C.V. Lentino, C.C. Boyd, M.L. O'Connell, C.C. Crawford, M.L. Sprengel, et al., The effectiveness of melatonin for promoting healthy sleep: a rapid evidence assessment of the literature, <i>Nutr. J.</i> , 13 (2014), p. 106 DOI: 10.1186/1475-2891-13-106	operative Research Group (PoCoG), The University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia	AUS	2015	anxiety and depression in adult cancer patients	community-based	screening for anxiety and depression	hospital community setting (night and shift work)	Inpatient/ Hospital
14													
15	RR	189	2014	1	Lee, C., Crawford, C., & Swann, S. (2014). Multimodal, integrative therapies for the self-management of chronic pain symptoms. <i>Pain Medicine (Malden, Mass.)</i> , 15 Suppl 1S76-S85. doi:10.1111/pme.12408	Emergency Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	USA	2014	sleep quality sleep disorders	Treatment	Melatonin application	community (self-management)	Community
16													
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19	RR	190	2014	1		Samueli Institute, Alexandria, Virginia, USA	USA	2014	chronic pain management	Treatment	Multimodal, Integrative Therapies	community (self-management)	Community
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25	<b>Rapid reviews (CRD databases)</b>												
26	CRD RF	191	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Prophylactic antibiotics for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. <i>Health Quality Ontario</i> ; 2015 February. 26 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-ghazipura">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-ghazipura</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	prophylactic use of azithromycin for COPD patients	Treatment	Azithromycin	outpatients	Outpatient
27													
28	CRD RF	192	2013	1	Ghazipura M. Community versus inpatient rehabilitation in hip fracture patients: a rapid review. <i>Toronto, Ontario</i> ; 2013 Apr. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-oh-tac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-oh-tac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	Hip fracture rehabilitation	Treatment	physiotherapy	inpatient vs outpatient	Multiple
29													
30	CRD RF	193	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Sodium restriction in heart failure: a rapid review. <i>Toronto: Health Quality Ontario</i> ; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-CHF">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-CHF</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	heart failure	Prevention	restricting sodium	community setting	Community
31													
32	CRD RF	194	2014	1	Lambrinos, A. Preoperative consultations: a rapid review. <i>Toronto: Health Quality Ontario</i> ; 2014 March. 19 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/appropriateness-initiative#preop-consult">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/appropriateness-initiative#preop-consult</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2014	preoperative assessment	Health Services	preoperative consultations	hospital (surgery)	Inpatient/ Hospital
33													
34	CRD RF	195	2013	1	Ling D. Role of screening for respiratory syncytial virus or influenza and empirical antiviral treatment for patients with community-acquired pneumonia: a rapid review. <i>Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario</i> ; 2013 November. 17 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-CHF">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-CHF</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	CAP (pneumonia) management	Treatment	screening for RSV or influenza	hospital inpatients	inpatient/ Hospital
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2	alcohol-						
3	associated					yes (not	
4	violence	1265 > 14	m/f	governmental,	not	mentione	0
5	problems			institutional	mentioned	d)	
6						none	
7	Patients with	102 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	0
8	vertigo			institutional	is a	d	
9	patients at	no		governmental,	contributing		
10	emergency	restriction		institutional:	editor for	no	
11	department	9963 s	m/f	Canadian Institutes	Open	protocol	1
12							
13	cancer	not					
14	patients	mentioned	adult	m/f	governmental,	no	1
15	healthy				institutional:	protocol	
16	population or				Defense		
17	patients with	1903 adult	m/f	Health Program and	USUHS, Consortium	not	1
18	insomnia			for Health and	none	published	
19	patients with						
20	chronic pain	3561 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	yes (not	1
21	symptoms			institutional		mentione	
22						d)	
23							
24							
25						none	
26	COPD					mentione	
27	patients	176 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	d	1
28							
29	hip fracture					none	
30	patients	195 > 65	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	1
31						d	
32	patients with					none	
33	heart failure	3318 > 53	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	1
34						d	
35						none	
36	surgery					mentione	
37	patients	372746 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	d	1
38							
39	patients with					none	
40	CAP	0 adult	f/m	governmental,	none	mentione	1
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2	CRD RF	196	2015	1	Community-Acquired Pneumonia. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 November. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapi">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapi</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	CAP (pneumonia) management	Treatment	timing of antibiotics administration	hospital	inpatient/Hospital
3	CRD RF	197	2013	1	pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Jan. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapid-review">www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapid-review</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	COPD management	Treatment	action plans	home and outpatients setting	Multiple
4	CRD RF	198	2013	1	Wang M. Pulmonary rehabilitation in the home versus other settings for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/ev">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/ev</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	pulmonary rehabilitation	Treatment	home-based rehabilitation	home setting	Home
5	CRD RF	199	2015	1	Bungay, H., & Vella-Burrows, T. (2013). The effects of participating in creative activities on the health and well-being of children and young people: A rapid review of the literature. Perspectives in Public Health, 133(1), 44–52.	Health Quality Ontario, Department of Allied Health, Anglia Ruskin University, East Road, Cambridge, CB1 1 PT, UK	GBR	2013	lifestyle	Prevention	participating in creative activities	community setting (activities)	Community
6	CRD RF	200	2013	1	Lambrinos A. Home-based exercise programs in heart failure: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 21 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of heart failure	Prevention	home-based exercise programs	home setting	Home
7	CRD RF	201	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Home-based versus centre-based rehabilitation for community-dwelling postacute stroke patients: an economic rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/eviden">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/eviden</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	stroke rehabilitation	Treatment	centre-based vs home-based rehabilitation	rehabilitation centre vs home setting	Multiple
8	CRD RF	202	2015	1	Nikitovic M. Intensity of rehabilitation after hip fracture: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Apr. 17 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	rehabilitation after hip fracture	Treatment	increasing rehabilitation intensity	rehabilitation setting	Inpatient/Hospital
9	CRD RF	203	2013	1	Self-management and educational interventions in the postacute stroke population: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-strok">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-strok</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of stroke, COPD, heart failure	Prevention	self-management or educational interventions	home and community setting	Multiple
10	CRD RF	204	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Criteria for referral to home care: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	criteria for referring to home care services	Health Services	home care services	home care setting	Home
11	CRD RF	205	2015	1	Baidoobonso S. Effect of supportive interventions on informal caregivers of people at the end of life: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2014 December. 25 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommenda">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommenda</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2014	palliative care	Health Services	supportive interventions	palliative care setting	Inpatient/Hospital
12	CRD RF	206	2014	1	Miani C, Ball S, Pitchforth E, Exley J, King S, Roland M, et al. Organisational interventions to reduce length of stay in hospital: a rapid evidence assessment. Health Serv Deliv Res 2014;2(52). DOI: 10.3310/hsdr02520	RAND Europe, Cambridge, UK	GBR	2014	length of stay in acute care hospitals	Health Services	various	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital

1	patients							
2	being					none		
3	discharged				governmental,	mentione		
4	from hospital	0	adult	f/m	institutional	d	none	1
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6	patients with	not					none	
7	CAP	mention	adult	m/f	governmental,	mentione		1
8		ed			institutional	d	none	
9								
10	patients with						none	
11	COPD	574	adult	m/f	governmental,	mentione		1
12					institutional	d	none	
13	patients with						none	
14	COPD	ca 400	> 40	m/f	governmental,	mentione		1
15					institutional	d	none	
16	children 11 -						none	
17	18	ca 3500	11 to 18	m/f	funded by Lambeth PCT	not mentioned	mentione	0
18								
19	heart failure						none	
20	patients	296	adult	m/f	governmental,	mentione		1
21					institutional	d	none	
22	postacute	not					none	
23	stroke	mention					mentione	
24	patients	ed	adult	m/f	governmental,	d		1
25					institutional		none	
26	patients with						mentione	
27	hip fracture	0	adult	f/m	governmental,	d		1
28	post-acute				institutional		none	
29	stroke, CHF,	not					mentione	
30	and COPD	mention	adult	m/f	governmental,	d		1
31	patients	ed			institutional		none	
32								
33	adults	895	adult	m/f	governmental,	mentione		1
34					institutional	d	none	
35	patients at						mentione	
36	the end of						d	
37	life	1836	adult	m/f	governmental,			1
38	acute				institutional,			
39	hospital				institutional: funded			
40	patients	142899	adult	m/f	by the HS&DR programme, NIHR	none	yes	0

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4	CRD	RF	208	2015	1	Wang M. Airway clearance techniques for patients with stable chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	COPD management	Treatment	airway clearance techniques	outpatients	Outpatient						
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7	CRD	RF	209	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Exercise programs after pulmonary rehabilitation for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	COPD rehabilitation	Treatment	exercise programs	community setting (exercise)	Community						
8																				
9																				
10	CRD	RF	210	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Respiratory services in home care for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-pr">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-pr</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	respiratory rehabilitation	Treatment	respiratory therapy	therapy setting	Outpatient						
11																				
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14	CRD	RF	211	2013	1	Brener S. Optimal timing to begin an active rehabilitation program after a hip fracture: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Apr. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohrac-recommendations/rapid-re">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohrac-recommendations/rapid-re</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	rehabilitation after hip fracture	Treatment	active rehabilitation program	rehabilitation setting	Inpatient/ Hospital						
15																				
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17	CRD	RF	212	2013	1	Schaik A. The effectiveness of statins for primary prevention: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Feb. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohrac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohrac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	coronary/stroke prevention	Prevention	statin administration	community setting	Community						
18																				
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20	CRD	RF	213	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Physical activity counselling: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of heart failure	Prevention	exercise counselling	community setting (exercise)	Community						
21																				
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23	CRD	RF	214	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Cognitive-behavioural therapy for anxiety and depression in patients with COPD: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 21 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	anxiety and depression in COPD patients	Treatment	cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT)	therapy setting	Outpatient						
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27	CRD	RF	215	2015	1	Ghazipura M. Cardiovascular and aerobic exercise in postacute stroke patients: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 17 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-stroke">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-stroke</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of stroke	Treatment	aerobic training/cardiovascular exercise	community setting (exercise)	Community						
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30	CRD	RF	216	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Aerobic exercise training in patients with heart failure: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 19 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of heart failure	Prevention	aerobic exercise	community setting (exercise)	Community						
31																				
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33	CRD	RF	217	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Care coordination for postacute stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and heart failure clients: an economic rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	post-acute stroke, COPD or CHF	Health Services	care coordination intervention	hospital hospital to home (discharge-setting)	Inpatient/ Hospital						
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36	CRD	RF	218	2015	1	Lambrinos A. Medication reconciliation at discharge: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 24 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	Discharge procedure	Health Services	medication reconciliation	(discharge-setting)	Different/ other						
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40	CRD	RF	219	2013	1	McCurdy BR. Inhospital physiotherapy for acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (AECOPD): a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2012 Dec. 28 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohrac-recommend">www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohrac-recommend</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	acute exacerbating COPD	Treatment	inhospital physiotherapy	hospital	Inpatient/ Hospital						

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3	patients with			governmental,		none		
4	stable COPD	525 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
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6	patients with	not		governmental,		none		
7	COPD or	mention		institutional		mentione		
8	pneumonia	ed	adult	m/f	none	d		1
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10	patients with			governmental,		none		
11	respiratory	37 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
12	disease					d		
13								
14	patients with			governmental,		none		
15	hip fracture	339 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
16						d		
17	adults	169921 adult	m/f	governmental,		none		
18				institutional	none	mentione		1
19						d		
20	patients with			governmental,		none		
21	heart failure	1628 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
22						d		
23	patients with	not		governmental,		none		
24	COPD	mention	adult	m/f	institutional	mentione		1
25		ed			none	d		
26	postacute							
27	stroke	399 adult	m/f	governmental,		none		
28	patients			institutional	none	mentione		1
29						d		
30	patients with			governmental,		none		
31	heart failure	3662 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
32						d		
33	post-acute							
34	stroke,			governmental,		none		
35	COPD, or		f/m	institutional	none	mentione		1
36	CHF	0 -				d		
37	being							
38	discharged,							
39	receiving			governmental,		none		
40	medication	2447 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
41	patients with					d		
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43	acute	not		governmental,		none		
44	exacerbating	mention		institutional		mentione		
45	COPD	ed	adult	m/f	none	d		1
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2	patients with					none		
3	ischaemic			governmental,		mentione		
4	stroke	6288 adult	m/f	institutional	none	d		1

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**Supplementary Table S2:**

**Characteristics of the study population by type of included review**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>Non-Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>RR (%)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Setting</b>					
Hospital setting, inpatients	7 (23)	1 (3)	8 (27)	10 (33)	26 (22)
Outpatients	9 (30)	9 (30)	7 (23)	4 (13)	29 (24)
Home setting	0	3 (10)	0	3 (10)	6 (5)
Community setting	5 (17)	10 (33)	13 (43)	7 (23)	35 (29)
Multiple	9 (30)	5 (17)	0	4 (13)	18 (15)
Other	0	2 (7)	2 (7)	2 (7)	6 (5)
<b>Population size<sup>1</sup></b>					
Median (range)	733 (0; 390,769)	2,846.5 (36; 4,650,877)	2,717 (102; 1,700,000)	349.5 (0; 372,746)	1,622 (0; 4,650,877)
<b>Population type</b>					
Patients with disease/condition	18 (60)	18 (60)	20 (67)	26 (87)	82 (68)
Healthy population	9 (30)	8 (27)	9 (30)	3 (10)	29 (24)
Other	3 (10)	4 (13)	1 (3)	1 (3)	9 (8)
<b>Age range (yrs)</b>					
Adults (>18)	20 (67)	14 (47)	13 (43)	25 (83)	72 (60)

Adolescents (13-18)	2 (7)	1 (3)	1 (3)	1 (3)	5 (4)
Children (0-12)	3 (10)	1 (3)	1 (3)	0	5 (4)
Youth (0-18)	1 (3)	2 (7)	0	0	3 (3)
Other subgroups	1 (3)	6 (20)	2 (7)	3 (10)	12 (10)
Population	3 (10)	6 (20)	13 (43)	1 (3)	23 (19)
<b>Sex</b>					
Females and males	29 (97)	28 (93)	24 (80)	30 (100)	111 (93)
Females only	1 (3)	1 (3)	4 (13)	0	6 (5)
Males only	0	1 (3)	2 (7)	0	3 (3)

CRD: University of York, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination; RR: rapid review; SR: systematic review; WHO: World Health Organisation

<sup>1</sup> Zero means that there were no participants mentioned or included in the review.

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## ABSTRACT

**Objective** Engaging stakeholders in reviews is considered to generate more relevant evidence and to facilitate its dissemination and use. As little is known about stakeholder involvement, we assessed the extent and characteristics of their engagement in systematic and rapid reviews. Stakeholders were defined as people with a particular interest in the research topic.

**Design** Methodological review

**Search strategy** Four databases (Medline, Embase, Cochrane database of systematic reviews, databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)) were searched based on an a priori protocol. Four types of reviews (Cochrane and non-Cochrane systematic reviews, rapid and CRD rapid reviews) were retrieved between January, 2011 and October, 2015, pooled by potential review type and duplicates excluded. Articles of each potential review type were randomly ordered and screened for inclusion and exclusion criteria until 30 reviews per group were reached. Their methodological quality was assessed using AMSTAR and characteristics of stakeholder involvement were collected.

**Results** A total of 57,822 deduplicated citations were detected with potential non-Cochrane systematic reviews being the biggest group (56,986 records). We found stakeholder involvement in 13% (4/30) of Cochrane, 20% (6/30) of non-Cochrane systematic reviews, 40% (13/30) of rapid reviews and 93% (28/30) of CRD rapid reviews. Overall, 33% (17/51) of the responding contact authors mentioned, but did not specify, positive effects of stakeholder involvement. A conflict of interest statement remained unmentioned in 40% (12/30) of non-Cochrane systematic reviews and in 27% (8/30) of rapid reviews, but not in Cochrane or CRD reviews.

**Conclusion** Stakeholder engagement was not general practice in either review type (except for CRD rapid reviews), although it was more common in rapid reviews. Especially for non-Cochrane systematic reviews, there is a potential to improve reporting, such as including an a priori study protocol, or to engage stakeholders.



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11 **STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS STUDY**  
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14 • A systematic approach to assess stakeholder engagement in systematic and rapid  
15 reviews was used to fill the gap and to provide an overview of the current situation.  
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20 • With the scope of this study being restricted to health services research we intended to  
21 focus on a best-case approach where the context is considered most important and  
22 therefore, stakeholder involvement might be most regularly, but the overall findings  
23 might not be applicable beyond this domain.  
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25 • The majority of studies were from higher-income countries limiting the generalizability  
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## INTRODUCTION

Evidence synthesis remains a rapidly growing field. There are different methodological approaches and formats depending on the research question and the intended use of the review, such as scoping, systematic or rapid reviews as well as realist syntheses, policy briefs and health technology assessments. We will focus on full systematic reviews as a well-established review type in healthcare and on rapid reviews as an emerging one. A traditional full systematic review is a review that “attempts to collate all empirical evidence and that fits pre-specified eligibility criteria in order to answer a specific, usually narrow research question or intervention”. [1] Within systematic reviews, Cochrane full systematic reviews were established as “gold standard” in knowledge synthesis. A couple of studies compared Cochrane and non-Cochrane systematic reviews and found that the reporting of Cochrane systematic reviews was the most complete one [2], that they were less prone to bias due to greater transparency in reporting as well as due to the quality criteria used, such as the risk of bias assessment [3]. Furthermore, Hopewell et al. described that the inclusion of grey literature routinely performed in Cochrane systematic reviews limited publication bias and provided more conservative treatment effects compared to non-Cochrane systematic reviews without including grey literature. [4]

Rapid reviews are characterized by a less complex research question and aim to synthesize evidence within a shorter time period, with time frames ranging from one week to nine months. [5, 6] They might, therefore, be prone to be of lower validity as a consequence of accelerating and streamlining the review process. [5] However, in response to an increasing demand from stakeholders, rapid reviews are being performed more frequently than before. [6] Only few formal definitions of different rapid reviews exist and few studies have examined their methodology. [7] To cover the variety of rapid reviews we included rapid reviews listed in medical databases as well as other rapid reviews from the databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination ([www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb](http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb)), such as the Dare

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3 reviews (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects) or health technology assessments (CRD  
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13 Stakeholder as a very broad term may include anyone affected by an issue and/or anyone  
14 who can provide input on the topic.[10, 11] Hence, not only decision makers, health  
15 professionals and their organisations are targeted, but also citizen or patients, other researchers  
16 and the media. Involving stakeholders in health services research might be possible at all  
17 stages of systematic or rapid reviews and this is often referred to as coproduction. Thus,  
18 stakeholder engagement aims participatory research and might direct the research question,  
19 define the scope and context of the review as well as contribute to the literature search, the  
20 evidence synthesis and interpretation and might facilitate dissemination and use. Therefore, it  
21 enhances the relevance of findings for policy and practice and contributes to the sustainability of  
22 health systems.[12-14] We especially focused on stakeholder involvement among health  
23 services research. This embraced the multidisciplinary field of scientific studies regarding social,  
24 financing and personal factors, organizational structures and processes, health technologies,  
25 and how these factors affect access to, the quality and cost of health care, and ultimately, our  
26 health and well-being".[15] Here, we considered the context of conducted studies and  
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## 51 **Study aim**

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53 To date, little is known about the extent of stakeholder engagement in systematic and  
54 rapid reviews and there have been few efforts to directly report the specific effects regarding  
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56 translation, the dissemination and acceptance of systematic and rapid reviews in policy and  
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3 practice. We focused on systematic and rapid reviews as they represent different types of  
4 evidence synthesis and are well-established in research and practice. In addition, reviews  
5 needed to belong to the area of health services research as an established field for systematic  
6 and rapid reviews as well as a best-case sample with a considerable extent of stakeholder  
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8 published systematic and rapid reviews and to specifically determine reporting characteristics.  
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## 17 **METHODS**

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22 Based on the pre-specified protocol this methodological review was performed to assess  
23 characteristics and reporting of stakeholder engagement in random samples of systematic and  
24 rapid reviews in the field of health services research (Supplementary File S1). A total of four  
25 types of reviews, two groups of each, systematic and rapid reviews, were assessed as they  
26 were considered to exhibit potentially differences in stakeholder involvement. This included  
27 Cochrane systematic reviews, non-Cochrane systematic reviews, rapid reviews and rapid  
28 reviews of the databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD  
29 rapid reviews). For the reporting of this study the PRISMA checklist was used (Supplementary  
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### 44 **Search strategy and screening**

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47 articles including the term “systematic review” in their title or abstract (Cochrane systematic  
48 reviews) and EBSCO Medline and Embase with excluding the term “Cochrane” in title or  
49 abstract (non-Cochrane systematic reviews). Rapid reviews were searched in EBSCO Medline  
50 and Embase and in the databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and  
51 Dissemination ([www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb](http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb)) (CRD rapid reviews). Sample search strategies  
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3 January, 2011 and December, 2015 without language restriction. Our search was completed on  
4 October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and therefore, the search results for 2015 did not cover the whole year. All  
5 results were pooled by review type and duplicates were excluded based on authors, journal and  
6 publication year. For each of the four lists of potential study types, each reference was given a  
7 unique random number using the `sample()` function available in R [16]. Each list was then  
8 sorted by the random number, and the articles were screened in order for inclusion and  
9 exclusion criteria by two reviewers until a total of 30 studies were reached per group (JF and  
10 MM tested their consistency in assessing the inclusion and exclusion criteria for about ten  
11 different studies and MM checked the assignment for about half of the study sample). Full text  
12 screening was performed to ensure the decision. One review author (JF) performed data  
13 extraction, supervised and spot-checked by a second researcher (MM). Disagreements were  
14 resolved by consensus.  
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### 30 **Sample size and selection of review groups**

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32 As rapid reviews were often targeted to specific audiences [8, 9], they were expected to  
33 involve stakeholders to a greater extent. We estimated a proportion of stakeholder involvement  
34 of 0.70 for rapid reviews and of 0.25 for systematic reviews, which resulted in a minimal  
35 expected difference of 0.45. For a two group-comparison, rapid and systematic reviews, with  
36  $n=25$  per group there will be an estimated power of 0.88 and an alpha of 0.023. To account for  
37 a potential subgroup analysis, we included a sample of  $n=30$  reviews per group, with four  
38 review groups (Cochrane and non-Cochrane systematic reviews, rapid and CRD rapid reviews).  
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### 51 **Inclusion and exclusion criteria**

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3 ultimately, our health and well-being. Its research domains are individuals, families,  
4 organizations, institutions, communities, and populations.” Therefore, we included Health  
5 Technology Assessments (e.g. rapid reviews as part of HTAs) targeting effectiveness as well as  
6 meta-analyses and systematic reviews for effectiveness and utility, reviews of pharmaceutical  
7 trials under everyday conditions, reviews of basic research in care-related fields, reviews of  
8 quality research or of methodological developments in the field of health services research,  
9 reviews about the development and application of new technologies (ehealth) and the  
10 implementation of knowledge into clinical practice. We excluded reviews that focused  
11 exclusively on economic or cost analyses, performed a narrative review, an overview of reviews  
12 or a protocol of a systematic review in order not to mix so different methodological approaches.  
13 The following study types were also excluded: Reviews of efficacy studies without assessing the  
14 quality of life, reviews including clinical efficacy trials phase I to III, epidemiological reviews to  
15 assess determinants or risk factors, non-human studies, establishment of databases or  
16 registries, reviews with unclear design or description of the intervention.  
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### 35 **Data extraction**

36 Stakeholders were defined as people with a particular interest in the research topic (but  
37 were not members of the primary research team).[10, 17] We evaluated any kind of stakeholder  
38 involvement and recorded different groups of stakeholders: Institutional health care providers,  
39 representatives of hospitals or community services, patients/consumers, participants of  
40 government agencies and health care policymakers at Federal, State and local levels,  
41 associations of health professionals and researchers (if not members of the primary study  
42 team). If available, we identified their fields and stages of involvement as well as their  
43 contribution to the study. This included all review steps, such as formulating the research  
44 question(s), determining study characteristics, contributing to the writing of the protocol,  
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3 corresponding author, the type of intervention, study setting, characteristics of the population  
4 (sample size, age range, sex), funding, declared conflict of interest, year of publication. The  
5 methodological quality of included articles was assessed using the AMSTAR tool, a  
6 measurement tool for the assessment of the methodological quality of systematic reviews.[18]  
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8 Where available, our rating was compared with an already existing one from the “health  
9 evidence” or “health systems evidence” platforms.[19, 20] Both quality ratings were then  
10 categorized as strong ( $\geq 8$ ), moderate (4-7) or weak ( $< 4$ ). In the absence of a quality assessment  
11 tool for rapid reviews, we used AMSTAR also for rapid reviews, being aware that this might  
12 result in lower rating scores due to abbreviated procedures. In addition, the use of the PRISMA  
13 checklist was recorded when mentioned in the articles.[21] AMSTAR ratings are presented as  
14 Supplementary file S4, study characteristics as Supplementary file S5.

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16 To ascertain stakeholder engagement as well as to assess the extent or stages of their  
17 involvement, pre-formulated questions were sent by email to the contact authors of the included  
18 articles. We asked them, if there had been any stakeholder involvement (yes or no) and if so, to  
19 specify the number of stakeholders, the stages of involvement and their self-assessed  
20 estimation of the effect of stakeholder engagement on the review outcome. In case of missing  
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41 **Patient and Public involvement** None involved.

## 42 43 44 45 46 **RESULTS**

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48 Our search identified 57,822 citations remaining after exclusion of duplicates. Although,  
49 not all of these records will fulfil the inclusion criteria, such as e.g. being designed as a  
50 systematic review, we assigned them as potential review group. For the screening step, the  
51 counts of the articles that needed to be screened to reach the final set of studies are depicted in  
52 Figure 1.[22-141] The excluded studies are presented in Supplementary Table S1.

[insert Figure 1 here]

**Table 1**

**Characteristics of included reviews by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>Non-Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>RR (%)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Random sample (% of total per group)</b>	30 (6)	30 (0.1)	30 (14)	30 (32)	120 (0.2)
<b>Geographic location of the corresponding author (% of random sample)</b>					
Africa	2 (7)	0	0	0	2 (2)
Asia	5 (17)	3 (10)	1 (3)	0	9 (8)
Australia	3 (10)	5 (17)	2 (7)	0	10 (8)
Europe	11 (37)	13 (43)	13 (43)	2 (7)	39 (33)
North America	7 (23)	8 (27)	14 (47)	28 (93)	57 (48)
South America	2 (7)	1 (3)	0	0	3 (3)
<b>Thematic focus</b>					
Prevention	11 (37)	5 (17)	4 (13)	7 (23)	27 (23)
Treatment	18 (60)	14 (47)	15 (50)	16 (53)	63 (53)
Health system	1 (3)	2 (7)	7 (23)	7 (23)	17 (14)
Community-based <sup>1</sup>	0	9 (30)	4 (13)	0	13 (11)
<b>Funding</b>					
Governmental, institutional or WHO	30 (100)	30 (100)	30 (100)	30 (100)	120 (100)
Additional funding by	0	0	1 (3)	0	1 (1)



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<b>Conflict of interest (COI)</b>					
Declared none	21 (70)	15 (50)	19 (63)	29 (97)	84 (70)
COI declared	9 (30)	3 (10)	3 (10)	0	15 (13)
Unmentioned	0	12 (40)	8 (27)	1 (3)	21 (18)
<b>Study protocol</b>					
Yes, mentioned in article	30 (100)	5 (17)	4 (13)	1 (3)	40 (33)
Yes, mentioned in correspondence	0	8 (27)	9 (30)	0	17 (14)
No, confirmed by correspondence	0	2 (7)	4 (13)	0	6 (5)
Unmentioned	0	15 (50)	13 (43)	29 (97)	57 (48)
<b>AMSTAR rating</b>					
Median (range)	11 (7, 11)	7 (3, 11)	4 (2, 10)	8 (5, 11)	8 (2, 11)

With exclusion of treatment or preventive interventions

AMSTAR: measurement tool for the "assessment of the methodological quality of systematic reviews", not applicable questions were not counted. Higher AMSTAR scores indicate higher quality.

SR: systematic review; RR: rapid review; CRD: databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; WHO: World Health Organisation.

Table 1 presents the characteristics of the included studies. Cochrane systematic reviews generally focused on the prevention and treatment of specific conditions, whereas 30% of non-Cochrane systematic reviews were categorized with a community-based topic, with a wide range of participants and possible outcomes and a broader range of study settings. Of note, 23% of each, rapid reviews and CRD rapid reviews, were categorized as health system

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9 systematic reviews and rapid reviews. Where available, we also collected existing AMSTAR  
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15 (Supplementary File S4). In non-Cochrane reviews information about methodological  
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17 specifications of included studies were often lacking. As an example, all 30 Cochrane  
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19 systematic reviews (100%) mentioned a pre-existing review protocol, whereas a high amount of  
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21 non-Cochrane systematic reviews (59%) and of rapid reviews (43%) did not clarify whether  
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23 there had been a protocol or not. Similarly, all 30 Cochrane systematic reviews and all but one  
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25 CRD rapid reviews (97%) included a conflict of interest statement, whereas 40% of non-  
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27 Cochrane systematic reviews and 27% of rapid reviews lacked such a paragraph. All reviews  
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29 were funded by national or international governmental or institutional sources. Only one rapid  
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**Table 2****General characteristics of stakeholder involvement (SI) by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Non- Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Total (%) (N=120)</b>
SI mentioned in article	2 (7)	2 (7)	6 (20)	28 (93)	38 (32)
SI only mentioned in correspondence	2 (7)	4 (13)	7 (23)	0	13 (11)
<b>Total SI</b>	<b>4 (13)</b>	<b>6 (20)</b>	<b>13 (43)</b>	<b>28 (93)</b>	<b>51 (43)</b>
<b>SI per year</b>					
2011	0/5 (0)	0/1 (0)	0/3 (0)	0/0 (0)	0/9 (0)
2012	3/7 (43)	1/5 (20)	1/3 (33)	0/0 (0)	5/15 (33)
2013	0/9 (0)	0/6 (0)	3/5 (60)	9/10 (90)	12/30 (40)
2014	1/7 (14)	3/9 (30)	6/15 (40)	2/3 (67)	12/34 (35)
2015	0/2 (0)	2/9 (22)	3/4 (75)	17/17 (100)	22/32 (69)
<b>Number of stakeholders involved per review (% of SI)</b>					
1	2 (50)	2 (33)	2 (15)	0	6 (12)
2-4	1 (25)	1 (17)	4 (31)	2 (7)	8 (16)
>4	1 (25)	3 (50)	4 (31)	26 (93)	34 (67)
Unspecified	0	0	3 (23)	0	3 (6)
<b>Types of stakeholders (multiple roles possible) (% of SI)</b>					
Patients/consumers	2 (50)	0	2 (15)	5 (18)	9 (18)

Professional organisations	1 (25)	0	0	5 (18)	6 (12)
Caregivers	2 (50)	0	3 (23)	23 (82)	28 (55)
Researchers	1 (25)	3 (50)	2 (15)	0	6 (12)
Policymakers	0	3 (50)	4 (31)	3 (11)	10 (20)
Unspecified	0	0	2 (15)	4 (14)	6 (12)
<b>Funding source (% of SI)</b>					
Governmental or institutional funding	4 (100)	6 (100)	13 (100)	28 (100)	51 (100)
Funding source involved as stakeholder	0	1 (17)	2 (15)	0	3 (6)
<b>Thematic focus (% per review type per topic)</b>					
Prevention	0/11 (0)	0/5 (0)	1/4 (25)	6/7 (86)	7/27 (26)
Treatment	4/18 (22)	3/14 (21)	6/15 (40)	16/16 (100)	29/63 (46)
Health system	0/1 (0)	1/2 (50)	5/7 (71)	6/7 (86)	12/17 (71)
Community-based	0/0 (0)	2/9 (22)	1/4 (25)	0/0 (0)	3/13 (23)

CRD: databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; SR:

systematic review; RR: rapid review; SI: stakeholder involvement

Any stakeholder involvement was mentioned in 13% of Cochrane systematic reviews, 20% of non-Cochrane systematic reviews, 43% of rapid reviews and 93% of CRD rapid reviews. Except for CRD rapid reviews, where the involvement of stakeholders was routinely reported in the methods or appendix section, about half of the stakeholder involvement was reported in the articles and the other half was confirmed via email by contact authors and remained unmentioned in the reviews. With 67% the email response rate was highest for rapid reviews. When comparing the amount of stakeholder involvement in different review topics, there were notable differences: The proportion of stakeholder involvement in reviews focusing on

prevention or treatment of specific conditions was lower than in those targeting health system interventions. Interestingly, the proportion of stakeholder involvement has been quite constant between the years 2012 (5/15, 33%) and 2014 (12/34, 34%) even though the amount of rapid reviews has increased substantially (Table 2). There was, however, a remarkable increase in the proportion of stakeholder involvement for the year 2015 (22/32, 69%), but this was mostly due to the fact that a majority of CRD rapid reviews, which presented the highest proportion of stakeholder involvement, was indexed in 2015.

CRD rapid reviews turned out to have by far the highest proportion of reported stakeholder involvement. The types of stakeholders engaged were listed in the appendix of 26/30 articles, but it was not specified what they had specifically contributed to the review, e.g. if their contribution had affected the final results and conclusions of the reviews (Table 3). One author mentioned in the review that the reason for involving stakeholders was to understand the clinical perspective.

**Table 3**

**Engagement characteristics of stakeholder involvement (SI) by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Non- Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Total (%) (N=120)</b>
<b>Stages of SI (multiple stages possible) (% of SI)</b>					
Research question	1 (25)	1 (17)	4 (31)	0	6 (12)
Study characteristics	0	0	6 (46)	0	6 (12)
Protocol writing	0	1 (17)	2 (15)	0	3 (6)

Review process	3 (75)	1 (17)	5 (38)	0	9 (18)
Interpretation of findings	0	1 (17)	1 (8)	0	2 (4)
Result synthesis	0	0	2 (15)	0	2 (4)
Multiple or all stages	1 (25)	2 (33)	1 (8)	28 (100)	32 (63)
Unspecified	0	2 (33)	1 (8)	0	3 (6)
<b>Reasons mentioned for SI (% of SI)</b>					
Stakeholder commissioned / requested review	0	1 (17)	4 (31)	0	5 (10)
To get consumer feedback	1 (25)	0	0	0	1 (2)
To refine research question	1 (25)	0	0	0	1 (2)
To make the review more relevant for target audience	2 (50)	0	8 (62)	0	10 (20)
To understand clinical perspective	0	1 (17)	0	1 (4)	2 (4)
Unspecified	0	4 (67)	1 (7)	27 (96)	32 (63)
<b>Effect of SI mentioned by authors (% of SI)</b>					
Substantial or positive effect	2 (50)	4 (67)	11 (85)	0	17 (33)
Negative effect	0	0	0	0	0
No effect mentioned	2 (50)	2 (33)	2 (15)	28 (100)	34 (67)
Explicit encouragement for involving stakeholders in further studies (% of reviews)	0	1 (3)	1 (3)	1 (3)	3 (2)

CRD: databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; SR:

systematic review; RR: rapid review; SI: stakeholder involvement

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7 CRD rapid reviews, there was usually a small number of stakeholders engaged. They were  
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11 question, within the review process in general, and less commonly in protocol writing, result  
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13 synthesis and the interpretation of findings. One article involved stakeholder throughout all  
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15 stages, in one case the phase of involvement was not specified. In total, 85% of the authors  
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19 mentioned that involving stakeholders led to an increased impact of the review and enabled to  
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21 focus on the needs of target groups, which made the review more relevant to e.g. patients or  
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23 policymakers. Stakeholders had commissioned one third of the rapid reviews or had asked for  
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25 evidence. Only two of 13 authors (15%) did not mention any substantial effect. In two cases one  
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32 We identified stakeholder involvement in 20% (6/30) of non-Cochrane systematic  
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34 reviews. In four cases the stakeholder involvement was confirmed via email, two articles  
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36 mentioned the involvement of stakeholders. Only two types of stakeholders were reported:  
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38 policymakers and researchers. If mentioned, all phases of involvement occurred about equally.  
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40 A total 67% (4/6) study authors reported significant benefit from the stakeholders' contributions.  
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42 One author mentioned that stakeholder supported the researchers to understand different  
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44 perspectives of the problem, and 33% (2/6) reported no effect. In one case, the stakeholder was  
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54 stakeholder involvement. All stakeholder engagement was confirmed and specified by email.  
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60 one case they contributed in formulating the review question. One review involved stakeholders

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3 at all stages. A total of 50% (2/4) of the authors reported substantial benefit, the other 50% (2/4)  
4 reported no significant effect on study results or conclusions. Two authors had involved  
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6 stakeholders helped him to refine the research question. One author involved stakeholders to  
7 get direct consumer feedback before publishing the review. No stakeholders were involved in  
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## 18 **DISCUSSION**

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20 The involvement of stakeholders varies by review type. Our findings suggest that rapid  
21 reviews tend to involve stakeholders more than twice as frequently than systematic reviews. On  
22 average, they also involved a greater number of stakeholders per review. In addition, we  
23 detected considerable differences in the phases in which stakeholders were involved. Rapid  
24 reviews involved them at very early stages of the review process, such as determining the  
25 intentional study characteristics or formulating the research question. Furthermore, it seemed to  
26 be much more common for policymakers, who were the most frequent group of stakeholders  
27 involved in rapid reviews, or other stakeholder groups, to substantially contribute to rapid  
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39 Of note, the majority of rapid and non-Cochrane systematic review authors reported that  
40 the involved stakeholders had positive and considerable effects on the study results, making the  
41 review more relevant for the targeted audience. However, the minority of rapid and non-  
42 Cochrane systematic review authors reporting no effect of stakeholder involvement on the  
43 review process, may illustrate that the stakeholders' contribution to non-Cochrane systematic  
44 reviews was seen as an additional and welcomed feature to the review, but not as a substantial  
45 part. This shows the importance that within and between review types an information and  
46 experiences exchange between researchers could benefit the stakeholder engagement.  
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3 stakeholder engagement in the assessed review types despite known benefits regarding the  
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6 benefit and facilitate stakeholder engagement in other review types, for example in systematic  
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13 One limitation of this study is the low response rate to our emails by contact authors.  
14 Given the fact that nearly half of our emails to study authors remained unanswered or could not  
15 be sent, the rate of unmentioned stakeholder involvement might still be higher than our numbers  
16 suggest. Of note, there was no considerable difference between systematic reviews and rapid  
17 reviews in the percentage of unmentioned stakeholder involvement.  
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24 Although when using a broad definition of the term “stakeholder” including everyone with  
25 a particular interest in the research topic (but who are not members of the primary research  
26 team), this term was not consistently used by contact authors. In their emails, some authors  
27 listed peer reviewers as stakeholders or one author erroneously mentioned members of the  
28 research team, who performed literature research and data extraction as stakeholders. In  
29 addition, interdisciplinary knowledge exchange is an important part of evidence-based research,  
30 but there is a difference whether experts from other fields were included as researchers in the  
31 study team or whether they were considered as stakeholders. We did not count any experts or  
32 peer reviewers as stakeholders, Furthermore, discussion is needed, whether the funding body  
33 of a review might contribute as a stakeholder and how a potentially associated conflict of  
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50 The reported involvement of stakeholders corresponded with Cottrell et al. who  
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52 phases.[142] Based upon, Keown et al.[143] concluded, that stakeholder involvement led to an  
53 increased relevance and depth of review findings, more clarity in defining research questions,  
54 broader dissemination of their results and increased awareness of target groups. Although they  
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3 intensive, they nevertheless concluded that involving stakeholders facilitated implementation  
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10 Although the overall proportion of stakeholder involvement has not yet increased  
11 prominently in the past few years, there have still been considerable efforts in creating  
12 standardized procedures for involving stakeholders in evidence synthesis. Keown et al.  
13 identified five opportunities in the systematic review process, where potential stakeholders could  
14 be engaged on a regular base.[143] The CRD rapid reviews included were mainly performed by  
15 Health Quality Ontario (Canada) and routinely held expert panels, including physicians,  
16 caregivers and sometimes, consumer representatives and professional organisations. The fact  
17 that they included stakeholders on a regular basis might confirm, what Keown et al [143] had  
18 already suggested: the engagement of audience members interested in or affected by the  
19 investigated topic definitively resulted in more benefits than limitations. We, therefore, suggest  
20 that future researcher involve stakeholders more broadly in the process of evidence synthesis,  
21 to increase the relevance and acceptance of the knowledge transfer. One example of an  
22 organisation ensuring that stakeholders are involved in research is the James Lind Alliance  
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39 In future, the reporting of stakeholder involvement should be improved and its effects  
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## 24 **Legend Figure 1**

### 25 **Flow diagram of study selection.**

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## Supplementary files

**File S1. Study protocol**

**File S2. PRISMA checklist**

**File S3a. Search strategy for systematic reviews in EBSCO Medline**

**File S3b. Search strategy for rapid reviews in Embase**

**File S4. Data extraction file: AMSTAR ratings**

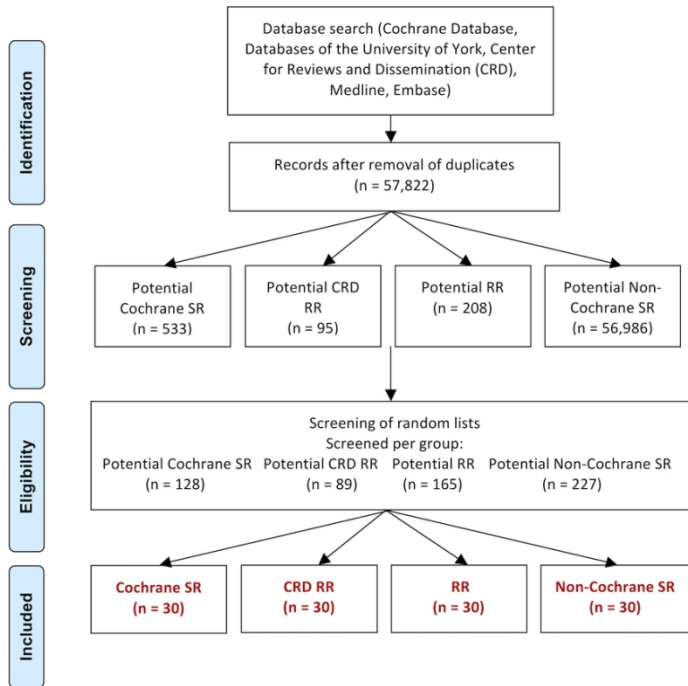
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**Table S2. Characteristics of the study population by type of included review**

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**Figure 1**



Flow diagram of study selection.

CRD: Databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; RR: rapid review; SR: systematic review

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# Stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews of health services research

Protocol version 2

## 1. Background

### *Description of full systematic reviews (SR) and rapid reviews (RR)*

According to the Cochrane handbook (1), a traditional systematic review is a review that “attempts to collate all empirical evidence that fits pre-specified eligibility criteria in order to answer a specific research question. It uses explicit, systematic methods that are selected with a view to minimizing bias, thus providing more reliable findings from which conclusions can be drawn and decisions made”. While systematic reviews are considered to be the gold standard in knowledge synthesis, they are not without their limitations. For example, they usually require between 6 months and 2 years to complete and often focus on a narrow clinical question or set of questions. (2)

The key characteristics of a systematic review are (a) a clearly stated set of objectives with an explicit, reproducible methodology; (b) a systematic search that attempts to identify all studies that would meet the eligibility criteria; (c) an assessment of the validity of the findings of the included studies (e.g., assessment of risk of bias and confidence in cumulative estimates); and (d) systematic presentation, and synthesis, of the characteristics and findings of the included studies. (3) Systematic reviews should build on a protocol that describes the rationale, hypothesis, and planned methods of the review; few reviews report whether a protocol exists. Detailed, well-described protocols can facilitate the understanding and appraisal of the review methods, as well as the detection of modifications to methods and selective reporting in completed reviews (4).

Full systematic reviews (SR) and rapid reviews (RR) are two types of systematic reviews. They are often distinguished by the shorter time frame needed to produce a RR final report as well as by its less complex research topic (5): “Rapid reviews streamline traditional systematic review methods in order to synthesize evidence within a shortened timeframe” (6). As shown by Watt et al. RR did not have to be inherently inferior to SR despite “axiomatic differences” (7). He found that their conclusions did not differ much for similar research questions. However, SRs included methodologically more broader information, e.g. on economic evaluations or health service impact as well as more in-depth results, e.g. on clinical outcomes (8).

For SRs comprehensive guidance exists, e.g. based on the Cochrane Handbook (1). On the other hand, there is no standardized methodology for RRs and needs for at minimum increased transparency in reporting have been identified (5, 7).

R Rs were often considered to target specific policy questions or to be tailored to a mandate or to the intended end-users (7). Therefore, they are often performed to inform decision making or commissioned by health policy makers.

Description of format contents: PICO or according to PRISMA.

### ***Description of stakeholder involvement***

Stakeholders represent decision- and policy-makers and institutions responsible for the selection and implementation of health policies, HTAs, guidelines or end-users. Experts in the respective field are not considered as stakeholders except if they contribute in the policy-planning as described above. It is also known that stakeholders often represent more than one perspective. Concannon et al. described the 7Ps of stakeholders: patients and the public, providers, purchasers, payers, policy makers, product makers, principal investigators (9)

The U.S. EHC Program defined a “stakeholder” as a person or group with a vested interest in a particular clinical decision and the evidence that supports that decision, including:

- Patients, caregivers, and patient advocacy organizations
- Clinicians and their professional associations
- Institutional health care providers, such as hospital systems and medical clinics
- Government agencies
- Purchasers and payers, such as employers and public and private insurers
- Health care industry representatives
- Health care policymakers at the Federal, State and local levels
- Health care researchers and research institutions.

In general stakeholders might be engaged in evidence prioritization, e.g. proposing the title of a systematic review, setting research priorities, in evidence generation, such as performing trials and observational studies, in evidence synthesis, e.g. SR, RR, meta-analysis, in evidence integration, such as modeling, mapping gaps and evidence or cost effectiveness or in evidence dissemination and application, e.g. implementation formats or feedback assessment. Therefore, engagement of stakeholders may not only direct the targeted research topics but also influence the quality and dissemination of study results (9).

At what stages stakeholders can be involved in during the systematic review process? Cottrell et al. identified six categories where the systematic review might benefit: establishing credibility, anticipating controversy, ensuring transparency and accountability, improving relevance and enhancing quality as well as increasing dissemination and uptake of systematic review findings (10). Several challenges to involve stakeholders were determined. They include limited time and resources, skills of researcher to engage stakeholders, finding the right people, balancing multiple inputs and understanding the most appropriate time in the review process to engage different types of stakeholders (10). On the other hand, factors for successful stakeholder engagement included a-priori clarification of the expectations, the roles, types of activities, early engagement in the process, ongoing relationships to build trust and credibility, equality of different stakeholders, tentative inclusion of a trained facilitator and sensitivity to tight timelines (11).

Methods for identifying, selecting, contacting and engaging stakeholders might differ.

Furthermore, characteristics of stakeholders themselves are important, e.g. their intensity and modes of engagement may vary according to their interests and expectations, their roles and

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3 their level of power and influence (11). To date there have been few efforts to measure the  
4 benefits/tradeoffs of specific stakeholder engagement processes or differing approaches to  
5 selecting and engaging differing stakeholder types (10-13).  
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8 Of all phases of the systematic review, the topic refinement and developing the key questions  
9 was repeatedly identified as the point where stakeholder engagement yielded the greatest  
10 benefit (10).  
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### 14 ***Definition of health services research***

15 See Appendix 1.  
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### 19 ***Relevance of this study***

20 Systematic reviews may benefit from involving stakeholders, but less is known about the  
21 practice, e.g. the proportion of involved stakeholders in recently published SRs and RRs and  
22 their type(s) and benefits of engagement in the process of a SR or RR. This information is  
23 considered to be relevant for the implementation and/or acceptance of SRs and RRs.  
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## 29 **2. Objectives**

30 Our aims are to assess, reflect and compare the current international practice of involving  
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## 37 **3. Methods**

### 38 ***Sample size considerations***

39 Sample size considerations are guided by practical reasons and resources available. As the  
40 power of the two proportions is expected to be sufficiently high anyway, due to the big expected  
41 difference of the two proportions reporting stakeholder involvement. We consider a proportion  
42 of 0.70 for RRs and of 0.25 for SRs. This results in a minimal expected difference of 0.45.  
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47 Two groups with N=25 per group show an estimated power of 0.88 and an alpha of 0.023.

48 To account for potential subgroup analysis, we include a sample of N=30 systematic reviews per  
49 group, with 4 groups (SRs, RRs and Cochrane SRs, Cochrane additional database RRs). This  
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55 We will proceed according to the STROBE guidelines as far as they are applicable.  
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### 59 ***Groups to be studied ("study population")***

60 *Full systematic reviews:*

Two groups will be studied:

1. Full systematic reviews in general: self-declaration as SR within the title or Methods section of the article or registration as such in the databases searched.
2. Cochrane systematic reviews: SRs are performed according to the Cochrane handbook (1). They are registered, supervised and released within a Cochrane Review Group. They represent the gold standard.

These two groups are selected as they are expected to differ with respect to their transparency of conduct and quality assessment.

#### *Rapid reviews:*

Rapid reviews articles will be identified on the basis of the respective self-declaration within the title, Methods section of the abstract or registration as such in the databases searched.

As there is heterogeneity regarding methodology, different terms might be used, e.g. rapid review, rapid method, rapid evidence, rapid synthesis or evidence summary.

#### *Inclusion criteria:*

- titled as systematic review or rapid review or reported as such in the objective or method section of the abstract, respectively, or registered as such in the database searched
- studies including rapid review methodology as one part of the overall study
- published between January, 2011 and December, 2015 (it is most crucial to be sure to include sufficient RRs)
- targeting a health services research topic as included in the title or abstract of the article based on the definition provided in Appendix 1

#### *Exclusion criteria:*

- designed to assess exclusively economic or cost analysis as described in the title or abstract
- performing a review or overview of reviews
- describing a protocol of a systematic review
- efficacy studies, clinical trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, economic analyses, non-human studies, establishment of databases or registries
- unclear design or description of the intervention

The inclusion and exclusion criteria are presented in Appendix 2.

#### ***Targeted stakeholders***

We will assess any kind of stakeholder involvement. In addition we will record the following groups of stakeholders:

- Institutional health care providers, such as hospitals and community services

- Government agencies
- Health care policymakers at the Federal, State and local levels

## 4. Outcomes

### *Primary outcomes:*

- to assess any kind of stakeholder involvement: yes or no
- to assess type(s) of stakeholders involved, e.g. decision- or policy-maker, experts involved in policy-planning, such as institutional health care providers or community services
- to determine phase(s)-related contribution(s) of stakeholders, e.g. developing the research question, literature search, study relevance (quality assessment), formulating or judging recommendations etc.

in recently published SRs and RRs.

### *Secondary outcomes:*

- to evaluate some potential predictors: type and topic of included studies, study population, setting (individual, population group, population, policy) and overall quality score
- to assess reported adverse effects or barriers of stakeholder involvement
- to verify stakeholder involvement
- to report publication issues, such as presence of a review protocol, institutional background of the authors, e.g. specialized in evidence synthesis, year of publication, stakeholder included as key word, dissemination information

## 5. Data collection

### *Databases to be searched:*

- The following databases will be searched:  
Biomedical/Health: Ovid Medline, Embase. Within the search strategy Cochrane SRs will be excluded.
- Cochrane library (for Cochrane SRs) and Cochrane additional databases (for RRs, e.g. DARE reviews, named as CD RR)

The search strategy will be presented in Appendix 1.

### *Selection of studies*

Following the searches in the targeted databases all results of the corresponding systematic review type (SR, RR, Cochrane SR, CD RR) will be pooled and duplicates excluded. These lists will be ordered randomly using the statistical program package R and will be exported to an excel file. The resulting lists will enter the study screening.

### ***Screening of studies***

In consecutive order, the randomly ordered references of each group of systematic reviews (SR, RR, Cochrane) will be checked for the general information and the inclusion and exclusion criteria (Appendix 2) until a total of 30 studies are included for each group.

One review authors (JF) will independently screen titles and abstracts for general information, inclusion and exclusion, cross-checked by MM. Inconsistencies or disagreement will be resolved through discussion and with consultation of another review author (MP) where necessary. The process of study selection will be carefully recorded in order to complete the PRISMA-flow diagram.

### ***Data extraction and management***

We will use a data collection form for study characteristics and outcome data which has been piloted on two reviews, one SR and one RR. One author, JF, performs full text extraction, supervised and spot-checked by a second researcher, MM. Within the full text article every step of the review will be checked for stakeholder involvement. We will resolve disagreements by consensus or by involving a third review author (MP).

Regarding Cochrane SRs, the protocol (and not the full text article) will be checked for stakeholder involvement as the protocol is relevant for performing the SR.

In addition to the screening form in Appendix 2 we will extract the following data:

- Institution performing the systematic review and contact details of the corresponding author
- Specific topic and intervention within the field of health services research
- Setting: population, population group, individual, policy; major characteristics of the population (overall N, age range or groups, sex)
- Funding for systematic review and notable conflicts of interest of authors
- Stakeholder involvement: any, number, type(s) and phase(s) of involvement, mentioned as key word
- Methodological quality assessment using the AMSTAR tool

All data will enter an Excel file.

To confirm the presented stakeholder involvement and to ask for reasons, whether benefits of stakeholder involvement were measured and about dissemination, the contact author of the included articles will be contacted by emails with pre-formulated questions. It will be indicated that this information will be used for a publication but only summarized and anonymously.

Contact authors will be sent one reminder in case of missing responses.

If feasible, two experts in the field will be contacted to review and comment this protocol and to contribute to the final article in order to ensure generalizability and transparency.

We will conduct this study according to this protocol and report deviations from it in the 'Differences between protocol and review' section.

### Potential for bias conducting this overview

- selection bias, e.g. regarding year of publication, no search for grey literature
- reporting bias, e.g. incomplete reporting, no study protocol

## 6. Data analysis

There will be a narrative description of the synthesis.

We will assess the overall proportion of stakeholder involvement as well as within subgroups and according to the outcomes described. We will compare the proportion of stakeholders involved between groups using the non-parametric Wilcoxon rank sum test.

The results of the AMSTAR assessment will be entered as a score.

### Differences between protocol and review

Will be listed if applicable.

### Conflicts of interest

None.

### Sources of support and funding

Involved authors: Jonas Feldmann (JF), Margot Mutsch (MM), Milo Alan Puhan (MP)

Internal sources

- Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute, University of Zurich, Zurich Switzerland

This is the host institution for the majority of the authors.

This work is part of the Master thesis of Jonas Feldmann.

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## Appendix 1: Definition of health services research and search strategy (Ovid Medline)

### *Search strategy*

#### **Systematic reviews:**

- Cochrane Database: "systematic review" (title or abstract)
- Ovid Medline and Embase: "systematic review" (ti, ab), excluding "Cochrane" in title or abstract.
- No language restriction
- Published between January, 2011 and December, 2015

#### **Rapid reviews:**

- Terms: "rapid systematic review", "rapid review", "rapid evidence assessment" or "rapid health technology assessment" in title or abstract
- No language restriction
- Published between January, 2011 and December, 2015

### *Definition of health services research*

#### **No longer available:**

**Fields of health services research as defined by the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMW)** (<http://www.samw.ch/de/Forschung/Versorgungsforschung/Kriterien.html>):

\*Adaptiert nach (Zugriff 28.11.11)

[www.bundesaerztekammer.de/page.asp?his=0.6.3289.3293.3295&all=true](http://www.bundesaerztekammer.de/page.asp?his=0.6.3289.3293.3295&all=true)

#### **Replaced by:**

Lohr KN, Steinwachs DM. Health services research: an evolving definition of the field. *Health Serv Res.* 2002;37(1):7-9. PubMed PMID: 11949927:

"Health services research is the multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that studies how social factors, financing systems, organizational structures and processes, health technologies, and personal behaviors affect access to health care, the quality and cost of health care, and ultimately, our health and well-being. Its research domains are individuals, families, organizations, institutions, communities, and populations."

Health Technology Assessments (HTAs) targeting effectiveness as well as meta-analyses and systematic reviews for effectiveness and utility, pharmaceutical trials under everyday conditions, basic research in care-related fields, quality research, methodological developments in the field of health services research, the development and application of new technologies (e-health) and the implementation of knowledge into the clinical practice were included. We excluded studies that focused exclusively on economic or cost analyses, performed a narrative review, an overview of reviews or a protocol of a systematic review. Efficacy studies without assessing the quality of life, clinical efficacy trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, non-human studies, establishment of databases or registries, studies with unclear design or description of the intervention were also excluded.

## Appendix 2: Screening of general information and check for inclusion and exclusion

### General information

Study ID:	Report ID:	Data form completed:
First author:	Year of study:	Version number:
Citation:		
Publication type (specify):		

### Inclusion and exclusion criteria

#### A) For full systematic reviews

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article titled as systematic review or designed as such in the method section of the abstract or registered as such within the database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

**To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.**

Exclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled?	
	Yes	No
Does the article investigate efficacy or describes clinical trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, non-human studies or the establishment of databases or registries as described in the title or the objective or methods section of the abstract?		
Does the article exclusively describe an economic assessment or cost analysis in the title or abstract?		
Does the article describe an overview or review of reviews within the title or abstract?		
Does the article describe a protocol of a systematic review?		

Is the design or the intervention of the article unclear?		
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To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with No.

## B) For rapid reviews

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article titled as rapid review, rapid method or rapid synthesis or designed as such in the method section of the abstract or registered as such within the database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.

The exclusion criteria are the same as described in A).

## C) For Cochrane systematic reviews

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article registered and published as Cochrane systematic review within the Cochrane database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.

The exclusion criteria are the same as described in A).

## Appendix 3: Data extraction for full text assessment

### Variables to be assessed (excel file):

- Study type (Cochrane SR, SR, RR, CD RR), Study ID, Report ID
- First study author, contact details of corresponding author, country, mail contact
- Reference citation
- Year of study (publication), version (update or first review)
- Initials of data extractor, initials of people who cross-checked extraction
- Study protocol mentioned, PRISMA checklist used
- Specific review topic, thematic focus, type of intervention, setting
- Study population: size, type, age range of participants included, sex
- Funding source, Conflict of interest statement
- Stakeholder involvement (SI): SI mentioned, SI as key word, number of stakeholders involved, types, stages involved, reasons for SI mentioned, effects of SI mentioned,
- Amstar rating, comparison of rating (Health evidence/health system evidence)

### AMSTAR – a measurement tool to assess the methodological quality of systematic reviews.

#### 1. Was an 'a priori' design provided?

The research question and inclusion criteria should be established before the conduct of the review.

*Note: Need to refer to a protocol, ethics approval, or pre-determined/a priori published research objectives to score a "yes."*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 2. Was there duplicate study selection and data extraction?

There should be at least two independent data extractors and a consensus procedure for disagreements should be in place.

*Note: 2 people do study selection, 2 people do data extraction, consensus process or one person checks the other's work.*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 3. Was a comprehensive literature search performed?

At least two electronic sources should be searched. The report must include years and databases used (e.g., Central, EMBASE, and MEDLINE). Key words and/or MESH terms must be stated and where feasible the search strategy should be provided. All searches should be supplemented by consulting current contents, reviews, textbooks, specialized registers, or experts in the particular field of study, and by reviewing the references in the studies found.

*Note: If at least 2 sources + one supplementary strategy used, select "yes" (Cochrane register/Central counts as 2 sources; a grey literature search counts as supplementary).*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 4. Was the status of publication (i.e. grey literature) used as an inclusion criterion?

The authors should state that they searched for reports regardless of their publication type. The authors should state whether or not they excluded any reports (from the systematic review), based on their publication status, language etc.

*Note: If review indicates that there was a search for "grey literature" or "unpublished literature," indicate "yes." SIGLE database, dissertations, conference proceedings, and*

trial registries are all considered grey for this purpose. If searching a source that contains both grey and non-grey, must specify that they were searching for grey/unpublished lit.

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**5. Was a list of studies (included and excluded) provided?**

A list of included and excluded studies should be provided.

*Note: Acceptable if the excluded studies are referenced. If there is an electronic link to the list but the link is dead, select "no."*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**6. Were the characteristics of the included studies provided?**

In an aggregated form such as a table, data from the original studies should be provided on the participants, interventions and outcomes. The ranges of characteristics in all the studies analyzed e.g., age, race, sex, relevant socioeconomic data, disease status, duration, severity, or other diseases should be reported.

*Note: Acceptable if not in table format as long as they are described as above.*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**7. Was the scientific quality of the included studies assessed and documented?**

'A priori' methods of assessment should be provided (e.g., for effectiveness studies if the author(s) chose to include only randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled studies, or allocation concealment as inclusion criteria); for other types of studies alternative items will be relevant.

*Note: Can include use of a quality scoring tool or checklist, e.g., Jadad scale, risk of bias, sensitivity analysis, etc., or a description of quality items, with some kind of result for EACH study ("low" or "high" is fine, as long as it is clear which studies scored "low" and which scored "high"; a summary score/range for all studies is not acceptable).*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**8. Was the scientific quality of the included studies used appropriately in formulating conclusions?**

The results of the methodological rigor and scientific quality should be considered in the analysis and the conclusions of the review, and explicitly stated in formulating recommendations.

*Note: Might say something such as "the results should be interpreted with caution due to poor quality of included studies." Cannot score "yes" for this question if scored "no" for question 7.*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**9. Were the methods used to combine the findings of studies appropriate?**

For the pooled results, a test should be done to ensure the studies were combinable, to assess their homogeneity (i.e., Chi-squared test for homogeneity,  $I^2$ ). If heterogeneity exists a random effects model should be used and/or the clinical appropriateness of combining should be taken into consideration (i.e., is it sensible to combine?).

*Note: Indicate "yes" if they mention or describe heterogeneity, i.e., if they explain that they cannot pool because of heterogeneity/variability between interventions.*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

**10. Was the likelihood of publication bias assessed?**

An assessment of publication bias should include a combination of graphical aids (e.g., funnel plot, other available tests) and/or statistical tests (e.g., Egger regression test, Hedges-Olken).

*Note: If no test values or funnel plot included, score "no". Score "yes" if mentions that*

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9 **11. Was the conflict of interest included?**

10 Potential sources of support should be clearly acknowledged in both the systematic  
11 review and the included studies.

12 *Note: To get a "yes," must indicate source of funding or support for the systematic*  
13 *review AND for each of the included studies.*

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15  No  
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# PRISMA 2009 Checklist

For: **Characteristics of stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews:  
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<b>INTRODUCTION</b>			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	5
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS). <b>Methodological assessment, no intervention</b>	5-6
<b>METHODS</b>			
Protocol and registration	5	Indicate if a review protocol exists, if and where it can be accessed (e.g., Web address), and if available, provide registration information including registration number.	6
Eligibility criteria	6	Specify study characteristics (e.g., PICOS, length of follow-up) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) used as criteria for eligibility, giving rationale.	7-8
Information sources	7	Describe all information sources (e.g., databases with dates of coverage, contact with study authors to identify additional studies) in the search and date last searched.	6-7
Search	8	Present full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	Suppl. File S3a and 3b
Study selection	9	State the process for selecting studies (i.e., screening, eligibility, included in systematic review, and, if applicable, included in the meta-analysis).	7-8
Data collection process	10	Describe method of data extraction from reports (e.g., piloted forms, independently, in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators.	7
Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought (e.g., PICOS, funding sources) and any assumptions and simplifications made.	8-9
Risk of bias in individual studies	12	Describe methods used for assessing risk of bias of individual studies (including specification of whether this was done at the study or outcome level), and how this information is to be used in any data synthesis.	n/a AMSTAR for



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			methodological quality
Summary measures	13	State the principal summary measures (e.g., risk ratio, difference in means).	Stakeholder involvement per review type in %
Synthesis of results	14	Describe the methods of handling data and combining results of studies, if done, including measures of consistency (e.g., $I^2$ ) for each meta-analysis.	No meta-analysis

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Section/topic	#	Checklist item	Reported on page #
Risk of bias across studies	15	Specify any assessment of risk of bias that may affect the cumulative evidence (e.g., publication bias, selective reporting within studies).	Reporting bias 19
Additional analyses	16	Describe methods of additional analyses (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression), if done, indicating which were pre-specified.	Not applicable
<b>RESULTS</b>			
Study selection	17	Give numbers of studies screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, with reasons for exclusions at each stage, ideally with a flow diagram.	Figure 1
Study characteristics	18	For each study, present characteristics for which data were extracted (e.g., study size, PICO, follow-up period) and provide the citations.	Supplementary File S4 (part, AMSTAR)
Risk of bias within studies	19	Present data on risk of bias of each study and, if available, any outcome level assessment (see item 12).	AMSTAR (methodological characteristics)
Results of individual studies	20	For all outcomes considered (benefits or harms), present, for each study: (a) simple summary data for each intervention group (b) effect estimates and confidence intervals, ideally with a forest plot.	Not applicable
Synthesis of results	21	Present results of each meta-analysis done, including confidence intervals and measures of consistency.	Not applicable
Risk of bias across studies	22	Present results of any assessment of risk of bias across studies (see Item 15).	
Additional analysis	23	Give results of additional analyses, if done (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression [see Item 16]). <small>For peer review only - <a href="http://bmjopen.bmj.com/site/about/guidelines.xhtml">http://bmjopen.bmj.com/site/about/guidelines.xhtml</a></small>	Not applicable





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<b>DISCUSSION</b>			
Summary of evidence	24	Summarize the main findings including the strength of evidence for each main outcome; consider their relevance to key groups (e.g., healthcare providers, users, and policy makers).	19-20
Limitations	25	Discuss limitations at study and outcome level (e.g., risk of bias), and at review-level (e.g., incomplete retrieval of identified research, reporting bias).	19-22
Conclusions	26	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence, and implications for future research.	23
<b>FUNDING</b>			
Funding	27	Describe sources of funding for the systematic review and other support (e.g., supply of data, role of funders for the systematic review).	23

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**Characteristics of stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews: Data extraction: AMSTAR ratings**

Type (SR, RR, CRD RR)	Study ID	Year of study	Citation	AMSTAR assessment			
				Review protocol	A priori design provided?	Was there duplicate study selection and data extraction? (at least two independent data extractors and consensus procedure)	Comprehensive literature search performed? (at least two electronic sources, reports must include years and databases used)
<b>Cochrane systematic reviews</b>							
CSR	101	2012	Olsen O, Clausen JA. Planned hospital birth versus planned home birth. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD000352. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000352.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	102	2013	Moi JHY, Sriranganathan MK, Edwards CJ, Buchbinder R. Lifestyle interventions for acute gout. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD010519. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010519.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	103	2011	Thomas RE, Lorenzetti D, Spragins W. Mentoring adolescents to prevent drug and alcohol use. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD007381. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007381.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	104	2012	Garrison SR, Allan GM, Sekhon RK, Musini VM, Khan KM. Magnesium for skeletal muscle cramps. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD009402. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009402.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	105	2012	Tejani AM, Wasdell M, Spiwak R, Rowell G, Nathwani S. Carnitine for fatigue in multiple sclerosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD007280. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007280.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	106	2013	Taylor F, Huffman MD, Macedo AF, Moore THM, Burke M, Davey Smith G, Ward K, Ebrahim S. Statins for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD004816. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004816.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	107	2013	Jorge EC, Jorge EN, El Dib RP. Early light reduction for preventing retinopathy of prematurity in very low birth weight infants. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD000122. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000122.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	108	2012	Jin H, Leng Q, Li C. Dietary flavonoid for preventing colorectal neoplasms. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD009350. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009350.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	109	2014	Karmali KN, Davies P, Taylor F, Beswick A, Martin N, Ebrahim S. Promoting patient uptake and adherence in cardiac rehabilitation. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD007131. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007131.pub3.	yes	1	1	1

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Status of publication used as inclusion criterion? (search for grey or unpublished literature?)	List of studies provided? (excluded studies referenced?)	Characteristics of included studies provided?	Scientific quality of included studies assessed and documented? (methods provided)	Scientific quality of included studies used appropriately in formulating conclusions?	Methods used to combine findings of studies appropriate? (mentions or describes heterogeneity?)	Likelihood of publication bias assessed? (graphical aids and/or statistical tests)	Conflict of interest included?	Final score	Grouping of scores (strong: ≥8=2; moderate: 4-7=1; weak <4=0)	health evidence / health systems evidence platforms
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CSR	110	2014	Bjelakovic G, Gluud LL, Nikolova D, Whitfield K, Krstic G, Wetterslev J, Gluud C. Vitamin D supplementation for prevention of cancer in adults. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD007469. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007469.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	111	2014	Carney T, Myers BJ, Louw J, Okwundu CI. Brief school-based interventions and behavioural outcomes for substance-using adolescents. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD008969. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008969.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	112	2013	Taylor MJ, Rudkin L, Bullemor-Day P, Lubin J, Chukwujekwu C, Hawton K. Strategies for managing sexual dysfunction induced by antidepressant medication. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD003382. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003382.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	113	2012	Fonner VA, Denison J, Kennedy CE, O'Reilly K, Sweat M. Voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) for changing HIV-related risk behavior in developing countries. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD001224. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD001224.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	114	2012	Shields L, Zhou H, Pratt J, Taylor M, Hunter J, Pascoe E. Family-centred care for hospitalised children aged 0-12 years. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 10. Art. No.: CD004811. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004811.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	115	2014	Nava F, Ghilotti F, Maggi L, Hatemi G, Del Bianco A, Merlo C, Filippini G, Tramacere I. Biologics, colchicine, corticosteroids, immunosuppressants and interferon-alpha for Neuro-Behçet's Syndrome. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD009879. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009879.pub4.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	116	2013	Njei B, Kongnyuy EJ, Kumar S, Okwen MP, Sankar MJ, Mbuagbaw L. Optimal timing for antiretroviral therapy initiation in patients with HIV infection and concurrent cryptococcal meningitis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD009879. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009879.pub4.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	117	2014	Lager KE, Mistri AK, Khunti K, Haunton VJ, Sett AK, Wilson AD. Interventions for improving modifiable risk factor control in the secondary prevention of stroke. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009103. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009103.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	118	2013	Chen W, Zhang Y, Li X, Yang G, Liu JP. Chinese herbal medicine for diabetic peripheral neuropathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 10. Art. No.: CD007796. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007796.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	119	2011	Fede G, Germani G, Gluud C, Gurusamy KS, Burroughs AK. Propylthiouracil for alcoholic liver disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD002800. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD002800.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	120	2012	Jefferson T, Rivetti A, Di Pietrantonj C, Demicheli V, Ferroni E. Vaccines for preventing influenza in healthy children. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD004879. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004879.pub4.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	121	2011	Akl EA, Oxman AD, Herrin J, Vist GE, Terrenato I, Sperati F, Costiniuk C, Blank D, Schünemann H. Framing of health information messages. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD006777. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006777.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	122	2011	Smart NA, Marshall BJ, Daley M, Boulos E, Windus J, Baker N, Kwok N. Low-fat diets for acquired hypercholesterolaemia. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD007957. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007957.pub2.	yes	1	1	1

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CSR	123	2011	Cheuk DKL, Chiang AKS, Lee TL, Chan GCF, Ha SY. Vaccines for prophylaxis of viral infections in patients with hematological malignancies. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD006505. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006505.pub2.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	124	2015	Kwong JSW, Lau HLC, Yeung F, Chau PH. Yoga for secondary prevention of coronary heart disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 7. Art. No.: CD009506. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009506.pub4.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	125	2015	Overdevest GM, Jacobs W, Vleggeert-Lankamp C, Thomé C, Gunzburg R, Peul W. Effectiveness of posterior decompression techniques compared with conventional laminectomy for lumbar stenosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD0	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	126	2014	Marti-Carvajal AJ, Knight-Madden JM, Martinez-Zapata MJ. Interventions for treating leg ulcers in people with sickle cell disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD008394. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008394.pub3.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	127	2014	Junker AE, Als-Nielsen B, Gluud C, Gluud LL. Dopamine agents for hepatic encephalopathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD003047. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003047.pub3.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	128	2013	Peckham EJ, Nelson EA, Greenhalgh J, Cooper K, Roberts ER, Agrawal A. Homeopathy for treatment of irritable bowel syndrome. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD009710. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009710.pub2.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	129	2013	Okwundu CI, Nagpal S, Musekiwa A, Sinclair D. Home- or community-based programmes for treating malaria. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009527. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009527.pub2.	yes	1	1	1	
CSR	130	2013	Rahimi-Movaghar A, Amin-Esmaili M, Hefazi M, Yousefi-Nooraie R. Pharmacological therapies for maintenance treatments of opium dependence. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD007775. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007775.pub2.	yes	1	1	1	
<b>Systematic reviews (non-Cochrane)</b>								
SR	131	2015	Rush CJ, Campbell RT, Jhund PS, et al. Falling cardiovascular mortality in heart failure with reduced ejection fraction and implications for clinical trials. JACC Heart Fail. 2015;3(8):603–14.	none mentioned	1	1	1	
SR	132	2015	Foersch M, Jacobs C, Wriedt S, Hechtner M, Wehrbein H. Effectiveness of maxillary protraction using facemask with or without maxillary expansion: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Clinical Oral Investigations [serial online]. July 2015;19(6):1181-119	yes	1	1	1	
SR	133	2015	Sipe TA, Finnie RKC, Knopf JA, et al. Effects of mental health benefits legislation: A Community Guide systematic review. Am J Prev Med. 2015;48(6):755–766.	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1	
SR	134	2013	A.A. Ahmed, E. Alsharief, A. Alsharief, Intensive versus conventional glyemic control: what is best for patients with type 2 diabetes? Diabetes Metab Syndr, 7 (2013), pp. 48–51	none mentioned	1	1	1	
SR	135	2012	M. Panagioti, P.A. Gooding, N. Tarrier A meta-analysis of the association between posttraumatic stress disorder and suicidality: the role of comorbid depression; Compr. Psychiatry, 53 (2012), pp. 915–930	none mentioned	1	1	1	
SR	136	2015	Z. Wang Age-dependent decline of association between obesity and mortality: a systematic review and meta-analysis Obes Res Clin Pract, 9 (2015), pp. 1–11	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1	
SR	137	2015	E. Rolka A systematic review of music and dyslexia, The Arts in Psychotherapy, 46 (2015), pp 24-32	no	1	1	1	



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SR	139	2012	Rodgers M, Asaria M, Walker S, McMillan D, Lucock M, Harden M, et al. The clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of low-intensity psychological interventions for the secondary prevention of relapse after depression: a systematic review. <i>Health Technol Chien T-J, Liu C-Y, Chang Y-F, Fang C-J, Hsu C-H. Acupuncture for Treating Aromatase Inhibitor-Related Arthralgia in Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine.</i> 2015;21(5):251-260. doi:10.1089/acm.2014.0083.	yes	1	1	1
SR	140	2015	Int J Integr Care 2013; Jul–Sep; URN:NBN:NL:UI:10-1-114740 , Community services' involvement in the discharge of older adults from hospital into the community, Johantgen M, Fountain L, Zangaro G, Newhouse R, Stanik-Hutt J, White K. Comparison of labor and delivery care provided by certified nurse-midwives and physicians: a systematic review, 1990 to 2008. <i>Womens Health Issues Off Publ Jacobs Inst Womens Health.</i> 2012;22:e73–e81. doi: 10.1016/j.whi.2011.06.005.	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	141	2013	Rozet, F., Bastide, C., Beuzeboc, P., Cormier, L., Fromont, G., Hennequin, C., Soulié, A6:1134 (2015). [Management of low-risk prostate cancer]. <i>Progrès En Urologie : Journal de l'Association Française d'urologie et de La Société Française d'urologie</i> , 25(1), 1–10. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.purol.2014.10.007	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	142	2012	Maglione, Margaret A.; Das, Lopamudra; Raaen, Laura; et al. Safety of Vaccines Used for Routine Immunization of US Children: A Systematic Review <i>PEDIATRICS</i> Volume: 134 Issue: 2 Pages: 325-337 Published: AUG 2014 DOI http://dx.doi.org/10.1542/peds.	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
SR	143	2015	Albrecht B, Staiger PK, Hall K, et al. (2014) Benzodiazepine use and aggressive behaviour: A systematic review. <i>Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry</i> 48: 1096–1114. doi: 10.1177/0004867414548902	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
SR	144	2014	Te Morenga Lisa, Mallard Simonette, Mann Jim. Dietary sugars and body weight: systematic review and meta-analyses of randomised controlled trials and cohort studies <i>BMJ</i> 2013; 346 :e7492 doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmj.e7492	yes	1	1	1
SR	145	2014	Jeannette A. C. Lankhaar, Wouter R. de Vries, Jaap A. C. G. Jansen, Pierre M. J. Zelissen & Frank J. G. Backx (2014) Impact of Overt and Subclinical Hypothyroidism on Exercise Tolerance: A Systematic Review, <i>Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport</i> , 85:3, 365-389, DOI: 10.1080/02701367.2014.930405	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	146	2012	Vanessa Siffredi , Vicki Anderson , Richard J. Leventer & Megan M. Spencer- Smith (2013) Neuropsychological Profile of Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum: A Systematic Review, <i>Developmental Neuropsychology</i> , 38:1, 36-57, DOI: 10.1080/87565641.2012.721421	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	147	2014	Llewellyn, A., Simmonds, M., Owen, C. G., and Woolacott, N. (2015) Childhood obesity as a predictor of morbidity in adulthood: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Obes Rev</i> , 17: 56–67. doi: 10.1111/obr.12316.	yes	1	0	1
SR	148	2013	Matsuda, A., Yamaoka, K., Tango, T., Matsuda, T., Nishimoto, H. (2014). Effectiveness of psychoeducational support on quality of life in early-stage breast cancer patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. <i>Qual Life R</i>	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	149	2015	A. Bak, J. Browne, H. P. Loveday and A. Tsiami (2013). Systematic review of nutritional interventions to prevent healthcare-associated infections in undernourished elderly. <i>Proceedings of the Nutrition Society</i> , 72, E212 doi:10.1017/S0029665113002371.	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1

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SR	152	2014	L. Bourke, K. E. Homer, M. A. Thaha, L. Steed, D. J. Rosario, K. A. Robb, J. M. Saxton and S. J. C. Taylor Interventions to improve exercise behaviour in sedentary people living with and beyond cancer: A systematic review British Journal of Cancer (2014)	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
SR	153	2013	BRAY, James et al. Effectiveness of parent-centred interventions [etc]. JBI Library of Systematic Reviews, [S.l.], v. 8, n. 16 Suppl, p. S34 - 45, jul. 2010. ISSN 1838-2142. <a href="http://www.joannabriggslibrary.org/jbilibrary/index.php/jbisrir/article/view/571/">http://www.joannabriggslibrary.org/jbilibrary/index.php/jbisrir/article/view/571/</a>	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	0
SR	154	2014	Tricco AC, Antony J, Khan PA, et al. Safety and effectiveness of dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors versus intermediate-acting insulin or placebo for patients with type 2 diabetes failing two oral antihyperglycaemic agents: a systematic review and network meta-analysis. BMJ Open 2014;4:e005752. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2014-005752	yes	1	1	1
SR	155	2012	Agarwal R, Goldenberg M, Perry R, Ishak WW. The Quality of Life of Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: A Systematic Review. Innovations in Clinical Neuroscience. 2012;9(5-6):10-21.	no	1	0	1
SR	156	2013	Ian C. Scott, Rachael Tan, Daniel Stahl, Sophia Steer, Cathryn M. Lewis, and Andrew P. Cope The protective effect of alcohol on developing rheumatoid arthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis Rheumatology (2013) 52 (5): 856-867 first published onli	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	157	2014	Hu MB, Xu H, Bai PD, et al. Obesity has multifaceted impact on biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer: a dose-response meta-analysis of 36,927 patients. Med Oncol 2014; 31:829. DOI: 10.1007/s12032-013-0829-8	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	158	2014	Blasco, M.A., Redleaf, M.I., 2014. Cochlear implantation in unilateral sudden deafness improves tinnitus and speech comprehension: meta-analysis and systematic review. Otol. Neurotol. 35 (8), 1426-1432. DOI: 10.1097/MAO.0000000000000431	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	159	2014	Vasconcellos, Fabricio; Seabra, Andre; Katzmarzyk, Peter T.; et al., Physical Activity in Overweight and Obese Adolescents: Systematic Review of the Effects on Physical Fitness Components and Cardiovascular Risk Factors SPORTS MEDICINE Volume: 44 Issue: 8 Pages: 1139-1152 Published: AUG 2014	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	160	2015	Gibbs et al., 2014, M. Gibbs, C. Winsper, S. Marwaha, E. Gilbert, M. Broome, S.P. Singh, Cannabis use and mania symptoms: a systematic review and meta-analysis J. Affect. Disord., 171C (2014), pp. 39–47, doi:10.1016/j.jad.2014.09.016	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1

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RR	161	2015	Sedation and Anesthesia Options for Diagnostic Procedures: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines Menear M, Briand C.. Implementing a continuum of evidence-based psychosocial interventions for people with severe mental illness: part 1-review of major initiatives and implementation strategies. Can J Psychiatry (2014) 59(4):178–86.	no protocol	1	1	1
RR	162	2014	Saeed S, Golfam M, Beall RF, Ashbury FD, Palmer LJ, Little J. Effectiveness of individual-focused interventions to prevent chronic disease. Eur J Clin Invest 2014;44:883–91.	no protocol	0	1	1
RR	163	2014	Sara A Kreindler, Yang Cui, Colleen J Metge, Melissa Raynard, Patient characteristics associated with longer emergency department stay: a rapid review, Emerg Med J 2016;33:3 194-199 Published Online First: 4 September 2015 doi:10.1136/emered-2015-204913	none mentioned	1	1	1
RR	164	2015	Chetan R Trivedy, Matthew W Cooke, Unscheduled return visits (URV) in adults to the emergency department (ED): a rapid evidence assessment policy review, Emerg Med J 2015;32:4 324-329 Published Online First: 28 October 2013 doi:10.1136/emered-2013-202719	yes	1	0	0
RR	165	2015	J. Yu, Y. Wang, Y. Li, X. Li, C. Li, J.T. Shen, PHP74 - The DA Vinci Surgical System: A Rapid Review of the Clinical and Economic Evidence, Value in Health, Volume 17, Issue 7, November 2014, Page A798, ISSN 1098-3015, <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jval.2014.08.476">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jval.2014.08.476</a> .	none mentioned	1	1	0
RR	166	2014	Lal S, Adair CE. E-mental health: a rapid review of the literature. Psychiatr Serv. 2014;65:24–32.	none mentioned	1	0	0
RR	167	2014	Beall RF, Baskerville N, Golfam M, Saeed S, Little J. Modes of delivery in prevention intervention studies: a rapid review. Eur J Clin Invest 2014;44:688–96. DOI: 10.1111/eci.12279	mentioned	1	0	0
RR	168	2014	Jiwa, M., McManus, A., and Dadich, A. (2013) Continuity of cancer care: Where do primary care practitioners fit in? Cancer Forum, 37(1): 31-34.	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	0
RR	169	2013	Movement Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Courtney Lee, Cindy Crawford, Eric Schoomaker, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15 (S1) S40-S53; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12411	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
RR	170	2014	Boyce T, Holmes A (2012) Addressing Health Inequalities in the Delivery of the Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme: Examining the Role of the School Nurse. PLoS ONE 7(9): e43416. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0043416	none mentioned	1	0	0
RR	171	2012	Attree P, French B, Milton B, Povall S, Whitehead M, Popay J. The experience of community engagement for individuals: a rapid review of evidence. Health & Social Care In The Community [serial online]. May 2011;19(3):250-260. Available from: MEDLINE, Ipswich, MA. doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2524.2010.00976.x	none mentioned	1	0	1
RR	172	2011	Sensory Art Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, John Bingham, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15 (S1) S66-S75; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12409	none mentioned	1	0	0
RR	173	2014	Ndumbe-Eyoh S, Moffatt H. Intersectoral action for health equity: a rapid systematic review. BMC Public Health. 2013;13:1056-2458-13-1056. DOI: 10.1186/1471-2458-13-1056	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
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RR	176	2011	Geddes et al., 2011, R. Geddes, J. Frank, S. Haw, A rapid review of key strategies to improve the cognitive and social development of children in Scotland, <i>Health Policy</i> , 101 (2011), pp. 20–28 doi:10.1016/j.healthpol.2010.08.013	none mentioned	1	1	1
RR	177	2013	Humphreys, DK, Ogilvie, D. Synthesising evidence for equity impacts of population-based physical activity interventions: A pilot study. <i>Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act.</i> 2013;10:76. DOI: 10.1186/1479-5868-10-76	none mentioned	1	0	1
RR	178	2014	Muñoz, K., Caballero, A., & White, K. (2014). Effectiveness of questionnaires for screening hearing of school-age children: a comprehensive literature review. <i>International Journal Of Audiology</i> , 53(12), 910-914. doi:10.3109/14992027.2014.943846	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1
RR	179	2014	Physically Oriented Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, Todd May, <i>Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group</i> , <i>Pain Medicine</i> Apr 2014, 15 (S1) S54-S65; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12410	none mentioned	1	1	1
RR	180	2014	Moe-Byrne, T., Chambers, D., Harden, M., McDaid, C., Behaviour change interventions to promote prescribing of generic drugs: A rapid evidence synthesis and systematic review (2014) <i>BMJ Open</i> , 4 (5), art. no. e004623. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2013-004623	yes	1	1	1
RR	181	2014	Hiithersay R, Strydom A, Moulster G & Buszewicz M (2014) Carer-led health interventions to monitor, promote and improve the health of adults with intellectual disabilities in the community: a systematic review. <i>Research in Developmental Disabilities</i> 35, 887–907. doi: 10.1016/j.ridd.2014.01.010	yes	1	1	1
RR	182	2011	Mann R, Gilbody S. Validity of two case finding questions to detect postnatal depression: a review of diagnostic test accuracy. <i>J Affect Disord.</i> 2011;133:388–97. doi:10.1016/j.jad.2010.11.015.	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1
RR	183	2013	Barry, M. M., D'Eath, M., & Sixsmith, J. (2013). Interventions for improving population health literacy: insights from a rapid review of the evidence. <i>Journal Of Health Communication</i> , 18(12), 1507-1522. doi:10.1080/10810730.2013.840699	yes (not mentioned)	1	1	1
RR	184	2013	Beck, C. R., Sokal, R., Arunachalam, N., Puleston, R., Cichowska, A., Kessel, A., Zambon, M., Nguyen-Van-Tam, J. S. and on behalf of the UK Antiviral Effectiveness Review Group (2013), Neuraminidase inhibitors for influenza: a review and public health perspective in the aftermath of the 2009 pandemic. <i>Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses</i> , 7: 14–24. doi: 10.1111/irv.12048		1	1	0
RR	185	2012	McMurrin, M. (2012). Individual-level interventions for alcohol-related violence: a rapid evidence assessment. <i>Criminal Behaviour And Mental Health: CBMH</i> , 22(1), 14-28. doi:10.1002/cbm.821	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1
RR	186	2014	Paul M. Dorresteyn, Norbertus A. Ipenburg, Kathryn J. Murphy, Michelle Smit, Jonna K. van Vulpen, Inge Wegner, Inge Stegeman, and Wilko Grolman, Rapid Systematic Review of Normal Audiometry Results as a Predictor for Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo, <i>Otolaryngology -- Head and Neck Surgery</i> June 2014 150: 919-924, doi:10.1177/0194599814527233	none mentioned	1	1	1



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RR	187	2012	KONNYU, K., KWOK, E., SKIDMORE, B., MOHER, D.. The effectiveness and safety of emergency department short stay units: a rapid review. Open Medicine, North America, 6, jan. 2012. Available at: <a href="http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/view/478/449">http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/view/478/449</a> .	no protocol	1	1	1	
RR	188	2015	Butow, P., Price, M. A., Shaw, J. M., Turner, J., Clayton, J. M., Grimison, P., Rankin, N., and Kirsten, L. (2015) Clinical pathway for the screening, assessment and management of anxiety and depression in adult cancer patients: Australian guidelines. Psycho-Oncology, 24: 987–1001. doi: 10.1002/pon.3920.	no protocol	1	1	1	
RR	189	2014	R.B. Costello, C.V. Lentino, C.C. Boyd, M.L. O'Connell, C.C. Crawford, M.L. Sprenkel, et al., The effectiveness of melatonin for promoting healthy sleep: a rapid evidence assessment of the literature, Nutr. J., 13 (2014), p. 106 DOI: 10.1186/1475-2891-13-106	not published	1	0	1	
RR	190	2014	Lee, C., Crawford, C., & Swann, S. (2014). Multimodal, integrative therapies for the self-management of chronic pain symptoms. Pain Medicine (Malden, Mass.), 15 Suppl 1S76-S85. doi:10.1111/pme.12408	yes (not mentioned)	1	0	1	
<b>Rapid reviews (CRD databases)</b>								
CRD RR	191	2015	Health Quality Ontario. Prophylactic antibiotics for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 26 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1	
CRD RR	192	2013	Ghazipura M. Community versus inpatient rehabilitation in hip fracture patients: a rapid review. Toronto, Ontario; 2013 Apr. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a> .	none mentioned	1	0	0	
CRD RR	193	2015	Health Quality Ontario. Sodium restriction in heart failure: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1	
CRD RR	194	2014	Lambrinos, A. Preoperative consultations: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2014 March. 19 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/appropriateness-initiative#preop-consult">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/appropriateness-initiative#preop-consult</a> .	none mentioned	1	0	1	
CRD RR	195	2013	Ling D. Role of screening for respiratory syncytial virus or influenza and empirical antiviral treatment for patients with community-acquired pneumonia: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 November. 17 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.h">http://www.h</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1	
CRD RR	196	2015	Health Quality Ontario. Communication of discharge instructions: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 18 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	none mentioned	1	0	1	
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CRD RR	210	2015	Health Quality Ontario. Respiratory services in home care for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-pr">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-pr</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1
CRD RR	211	2013	Brener S. Optimal timing to begin an active rehabilitation program after a hip fracture: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Apr. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommendations/rapid-re">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommendations/rapid-re</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1
CRD RR	212	2013	Schaikn A. The effectiveness of statins for primary prevention: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Feb. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1
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CRD RR	217	2015	Health Quality Ontario. Care coordination for postacute stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and heart failure clients: an economic rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evid">http://www.hqontario.ca/evid</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1
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Characteristics of stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews: Study characteristics

General Information

Study type	Study ID	Year of study	version number	Citation	Institution performing review	country	year	contact details, corresponding author (not shown)	specific topic	Thematic Focus	Type of intervention	Setting specified	Setting
Cochrane systematic reviews													
CSR	101	2012	1	Olsen O, Clausen JA. Planned hospital birth versus planned home birth. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD000352. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000352.pub2.	General Practice and Section of General Practice, Department of Public Health, University of	DNK	2012		childbirth	Treatment	Type of birth	birth setting hospital/home	Multiple
CSR	102	2013	1	Moi JHY, Sriranganathan MK, Edwards CJ, Buchbinder R. Lifestyle interventions for acute gout. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD010519. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010519.pub2.	Department of Rheumatology, The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Parkville, Australia.	AUS	2013		Acute gout treatment	Treatment	lifestyle interventions	inpatients and outpatients	multiple
CSR	103	2011	1	Thomas RE, Lorenzetti D, Spragins W. Mentoring adolescents to prevent drug and alcohol use. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD007381. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007381.pub2.	University of Calgary, Department of Medicine, Calgary, Alberta, Canada	CAN	2011		drug/alcohol prevention	Prevention	mentoring acts of any kind	mentoring programs	Multiple
CSR	104	2012	1	Garrison SR, Allan GM, Sekhon RK, Musini VM, Khan KM. Magnesium for skeletal muscle cramps. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD009402. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009402.pub2.	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	CAN	2012		Skeletal muscle cramps	Treatment	Magnesium supplementation	outpatients (primary care, community)	Outpatient
CSR	105	2012	update	Tejani AM, Wasdell M, Spiwak R, Rowell G, Nathwani S. Carnitine for fatigue in multiple sclerosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD007280. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007280.pub3.	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	CAN	2012		Multiple Sclerosis fatigue	Treatment	Carnitine supplementation	outpatients	Outpatient
CSR	106	2013	update	Taylor F, Huffman MD, Macedo AF, Moore THM, Burke M, Davey Smith G, Ward K, Ebrahim S. Statins for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD004816. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004816.	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada & Tropical Medicine, Department of Non-communicable Disease Epidemiology, London, UK	GBR	2013		primary prevention of cardiovascular disease	Prevention	statins	community setting	Community
CSR	107	2013	update	Jorge EC, Jorge EN, El Dib RP. Early light reduction for preventing retinopathy of prematurity in very low birth weight infants. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD000122. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000122.pub2.	Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP), Botucatu, São Paulo, Brazil	BRA	2013		ROP prevention in premature infants	Prevention	light reduction	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
CSR	108	2012	1	Jin H, Leng Q, Li C. Dietary flavonoid for preventing colorectal neoplasms. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD009350. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009350.pub2.	University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, National Center of Colorectal Surgery, Nanjing, Jiangsu	CHN	2012		colorectal neoplasm prevention	Prevention	Flavonoid intake	community setting	Community



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Population	N	overall age range	sex	Funding (who?)	notable conflicts of interests of authors	review protocol	SHI: yes = 1, no = 0	Procedure according to PRISMA-guidelines
Low risk pregnant women	11	pregnant	f	governmental, institutional: National Institute for Health Research, UK.	none	yes		1
adults with acute gout	19	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	yes		0
adolescents	1994	13 - 18	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	yes		0
adults	406	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional: Canadian Institutes of Health Research	and Khan are co-authors of a RCT which was included	yes		0
adults with MS diagnosed	36	adult	f/m	institutional: Fraser Health Research Administration and Development Office, Department of Social Medicine, University of Bristol, UK., institutional: University of Rochester, NY, USA., Department of	none	yes		1
adults	56934	adult	f/m	institutional: University of Rochester, NY, USA., Department of	none	yes		0
Premature human infants	897	premature	f/m	institutional: University of Rochester, NY, USA., Department of	served as a member of the Data Safety	yes		0
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2					Promoting patient uptake and adherence in cardiac rehabilitation. Cochrane	Medicine, Departments of			prevention of					
3					Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD007131. DOI:	Preventive Medicine and			cardiovascular		cardiac	rehabilitation	Inpatient/	
4	CSR	109	2014	update	10.1002/14651858.CD007131.pub3.	Medicine (Cardiology),	USA	2014	disease	Prevention	rehabilitation	setting	Hospital	
5					Bjelakovic G, Gluud LL, Nikolova D, Whitfield K, Krstic G, Wetterslev J,	Medical Faculty, University								
6					Gluud C. Vitamin D supplementation for prevention of cancer in adults.	of Nis, Department of								
7	CSR	110	2014		1 CD007469. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007469.pub2.	Internal Medicine, Nis,	SRB	2014	Cancer	Prevention	Vitamin D	community	Community	
8					Carney T, Myers BJ, Louw J, Okwundu CI. Brief school-based interventions	Research Council, Alcohol								
9					and behavioural outcomes for substance-using adolescents. Cochrane	and Drug Abuse Research								
10	CSR	111	2014		1 10.1002/14651858.CD008969.pub2.	Unit, Cape Town, Western	ZAF	2014	drug/alcohol	Prevention	Brief	High schools,	Community	
11					Taylor MJ, Rudkin L, Bullemor-Day P, Lubin J, Chukwujekwu C, Hawton K.	Cape, South Africa			prevention	Interventions	(psychotherapy)	colleges	Community	
12					Strategies for managing sexual dysfunction induced by antidepressant	Institute of Psychiatry,								
13					medication. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art.	King's College London,								
14	CSR	112	2013	update	No.: CD003382. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD0033	Department of Psychosis	GBR	2013	sexual	Treatment	sildenafil,	outpatients	Outpatient	
15					Fonner VA, Denison J, Kennedy CE, O'Reilly K, Sweat M. Voluntary	Studies, London, UK			dysfunction	bupropion, etc.	phase lia	Outpatient		
16					counseling and testing (VCT) for changing HIV-related risk behavior in	School of Public Health,								
17	CSR	113	2012		1 Issue 9. Art. No.: CD001224. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.	Department of International	USA	2012	HIV-prevention	Prevention	voluntary	clinical,	Multiple	
18					Shields L, Zhou H, Pratt J, Taylor M, Hunter J, Pascoe E. Family-centred	Health, Social and						mobile or		
19					care for hospitalised children aged 0-12 years. Cochrane Database of	Behavioral Interventions						home setting		
20	CSR	114	2012	update	10.1002/14651858.CD004811.pub3.	USA	2012							
21					Nava F, Ghilotti F, Maggi L, Hatemi G, Del Bianco A, Merlo C, Filippini G,	Tropical Health Research	AUS	2012	pediatric care	Treatment	family-centred	hospital	Inpatient/	
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23	CSR	115	2014		1 Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Ar	Midwifery Practice,								
24					Njei B, Kongnyuy EJ, Kumar S, Okwen MP, Sankar MJ, Mbuagbaw L.	Townsville, QLD, Australia	AUS	2012						
25					Optimal timing for antiretroviral therapy initiation in patients with HIV	University of Milano-								
26	CSR	116	2013		1 Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD0	Bicocca, Faculty of	ITA	2014	Neuro-Behçet	Treatment	different	inpatients and	Multiple	
27					Lager KE, Mistri AK, Khunti K, Haunton VJ, Sett AK, Wilson AD.	Statistical Science, Milan,			Syndrome		treatments	outpatients	Multiple	
28					Interventions for improving modifiable risk factor control in the secondary	Italy			(NBS)					
29	CSR	117	2014		1 Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009103. DOI: 10.1002/146518	School of Medicine,								
30					Chen W, Zhang Y, Li X, Yang G, Liu JP. Chinese herbal medicine for	Department of Medicine,								
31					diabetic peripheral neuropathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews	Farmington, Connecticut,	USA	2013	HIV treatment	Treatment	antiretroviral	outpatients	Outpatient	
32					10.1002/14651858.CD007796.pub3.	USA	2013							
33	CSR	118	2013	update	Fede G, Germani G, Gluud C, Gurusamy KS, Burroughs AK.	University of Leicester,			secondary	Prevention	modifiable risk	outpatients	Outpatient	
34					Propylthiouracil for alcoholic liver disease. Cochrane Database of	Department of Health			stroke		factor control	outpatients	Outpatient	
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36					Jefferson T, Rivetti A, Di Pietrantonj C, Demicheli V, Ferroni E. Vaccines for	Chinese Medicine, Centre								
37					preventing influenza in healthy children. Cochrane Database of Systematic	for Evidence-Based								
38	CSR	120	2012	update	10.1002/14651858.CD004879.pub4.	Chinese Medicine, Beijing,	CHN	2013	chinese herb	Treatment	chinese herbs,	inpatients and	Multiple	
39					Interventions for improving modifiable risk factor control in the secondary	China			medicine		chinese	outpatients	Multiple	
40					Prevention of stroke. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014,	Royal Free Hampstead								
41					Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009103. DOI: 10.1002/146518	NHS Foundation Trust,								
42					Chen W, Zhang Y, Li X, Yang G, Liu JP. Chinese herbal medicine for	Sheila Sherlock Liver								
43					diabetic peripheral neuropathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews	Centre, London, UK	GBR	2011	alcoholic liver	Treatment	Propylthiouracil	outpatients	Outpatient	
44					10.1002/14651858.CD007796.pub3.				disease	administration		outpatients	Outpatient	
45					Jefferson T, Rivetti A, Di Pietrantonj C, Demicheli V, Ferroni E. Vaccines for									
46					preventing influenza in healthy children. Cochrane Database of Systematic									

1	adults with			institutional: National				
2	past			Institute for Health				
3	cardiovascul			Research (NIHR)				
4	ar event	2505 adult	f/m	programme grant,	none	yes		0
5				institutional: Centre				
6				for Clinical				
7	adults	390769 adult	f/m	Research,	none	yes		0
8				institutional: South				
9				African Medical				
10	adolescents	1139 < 19	f/m	Research Council,	none	yes		0
11	antidepressa			South Africa., Open	institutional:	previously		
12	nt-induced			Department of		acted as a		
13	sexual			Psychiatry, University	temporary	consultant for	yes	
14	dysfunction	1886 adult	f/m	of Oxford, UK.,				0
15	adults, low-			institutional: World				
16	or middle-			Health Organization,				
17	income			Department of				
18	country	40309 adult	f/m	HIV/AIDS,	none	yes		0
19	children 0 -					and MT work		
20	12	288 0 - 12	f/m	governmental,	institutional	for paediatric	health	
21				institutional:		facilities	yes	1
22	patients > 13			Fondazione				
23	with NBS			I.R.C.C.S. Istituto				
24	diagnosed	0 > 13	f/m	Neurologico Carlo	none	yes		0
25	HIV patients			governmental,				
26	with			institutional:				
27	cryptococcal			Cochrane HIV/AIDS				
28	meningitis	337 adult	f/m	Review Group, USA.	none	yes		0
29	patients with			institutional:		has received		
30	ischaemic/ha			Department of Health		speaker fees		
31	emorrhagic			Sciences, University		for talks on		
32	stroke or TIA	8021 adult	f/m	of Leicester, UK.		stroke from	yes	0
33	diabetic			institutional: National				
34	peripheral			Basic Research				
35	neuropathy	no		Program of China,				
36	DPN	3639 s	f/m	Centre for Evidence-	none	yes		0
37	alcoholic			institutional: The				
38	steatosis,			Copenhagen Trial				
39	fibrosis,			Unit, Denmark., The				
40	hepatitis,	710 adult	f/m	Danish Medical	none	yes		0
41				institutional:		Jefferson was		
42				REGIONE		an ad hoc		
43	healthy			PIEMONTE ASL 20		consultant for		
44	children	300000 0 - 16	f/m	ALESSANDRIA,	F. Hoffman-	yes		0

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1					Akl EA, Oxman AD, Herrin J, Vist GE, Terrenato I, Sperati F, Costiniuk C, Blank D, Schünemann H. Framing of health information messages. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD006777. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006777.pub2.	Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	CAN	2011	framing of health information messages	Health Services	negatively/positively framed health messages	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
2	CSR	121	2011	1	Smart NA, Marshall BJ, Daley M, Boulous E, Windus J, Baker N, Kwok N. Low-fat diets for acquired hypercholesterolaemia. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD007957. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007957.pub2.	Bond University, Faculty of Health Science and Medicine, Robina, Queensland, Australia	AUS	2011	acquired hypercholesterolaemia	Treatment	any kind of low-fat diet	community setting	Community
3	CSR	122	2011	1	Cheuk DKL, Chiang AKS, Lee TL, Chan GCF, Ha SY. Vaccines for prophylaxis of viral infections in patients with hematological malignancies. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD006505. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006505.pub2.	Kong, Queen Mary Hospital, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, Hong Kong SAR, China	CHN	2011	viral vaccines in patients with hematological malignancies	Treatment	viral vaccination	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
4	CSR	123	2011	1	Kwong JSW, Lau HLC, Yeung F, Chau PH. Yoga for secondary prevention of coronary heart disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 7. Art. No.: CD009506. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009506.pub4.	Sichuan University, Chinese Cochrane Center, Chinese Evidence-Based Medicine Center, Chengdu, China	CHN	2015	secondary prevention of coronary heart disease	Prevention	any type of yoga exercises	yoga program-setting	Outpatient
5	CSR	124	2015 update	1	Overvest GM, Jacobs W, Vleggeert-Lankamp C, Thomé C, Gunzburg R, Peul W. Effectiveness of posterior decompression techniques compared with conventional laminectomy for lumbar stenosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD010000. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010000.pub3.	Leiden University Medical Center, Department of Neurosurgery, Leiden, Netherlands	NED	2015	treatment of lumbar stenosis	Treatment	bilateral laminotomy	hospital (surgery)	Inpatient/Hospital
6	CSR	125	2015	1	Martí-Carvajal AJ, Knight-Madden JM, Martínez-Zapata MJ. Interventions for treating leg ulcers in people with sickle cell disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD008394. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008394.pub3.	Iberoamerican Cochrane Network, Valencia, Venezuela	VEN	2014	leg ulcers in people with sickle cell disease	Treatment	any clinical interventions	hospital or community setting	Multiple
7	CSR	126	2014 update	1	Junker AE, Als-Nielsen B, Gluud C, Gluud LL. Dopamine agents for hepatic encephalopathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD003047. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003047.pub3.	Gentofte Hospital, Department of Medicine F, Hellerup, Denmark	DNK	2014	treatment of hepatic encephalopathy	Treatment	dopamine agonists	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
8	CSR	127	2014 update	1	Peckham EJ, Nelson EA, Greenhalgh J, Cooper K, Roberts ER, Agrawal A. Homeopathy for treatment of irritable bowel syndrome. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD009710. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009710.pub2.	University of York, Department of Health Sciences, Heslington, UK	GBR	2013	irritable bowel syndrome	Treatment	homeopathic treatment	inpatients and outpatients	Multiple
9	CSR	128	2013	1	Okwundu CI, Nagpal S, Musekiwa A, Sinclair D. Home- or community-based programmes for treating malaria. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009527. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009527.pub2.	Centre for Evidence-based Health Care, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Tygerberg, South Africa	ZAF	2013	malaria treatment programmes	Treatment	Home- or community-based programmes	home or community setting	Multiple
10	CSR	129	2013	1	Rahimi-Movaghar A, Amin-Esmaeili M, Hefazi M, Yousefi-Nooraie R. Pharmacological therapies for maintenance treatments of opium dependence. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD007775. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007775.pub2.	for HIV/AIDS (IRCHA), Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Department for Mental Health, Tehran, Iran	IRN	2013	opium dependence	Treatment	any pharmacological therapies	outpatients	Outpatient

**Systematic reviews (non-Cochrane)**

37	SR	131	2015	1	Rush CJ, Campbell RT, Jhund PS, et al. Falling cardiovascular mortality in heart failure with reduced ejection fraction and implications for clinical trials. JACC Heart Fail. 2015;3(8):603–14.	Hairmyres Hospital, East Kilbride, Scotland, United Kingdom	GBR	2015	heart failure mortality	Treatment	disease-modifying therapies, esp. beta-blockers	outpatients and inpatients	Multiple
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1	consumers,									
2	health				institutional: State		review			
3	professionals				University of New		authors were			
4	, policy	16342	adult	f/m	York at Buffalo, NY,		also authors			
5	acquired (not				USA., Italian National		of one	yes		0
6	familial)				institutional: Primary					
7	hypercholest				Healthcare Research					
8	erolaemia	0	adult	f/m	Education and		none	yes		0
9	patients with				Development					
10	hematologica				institutional: The					
11	l				University of Hong					
12	malignancies	593	s	f/m	Kong, Hong Kong,		none	yes		0
13	adults with				restriction					
14	diagnosis of				Cochrane					
15	acute or				institutional: The					
16	chronic CHD	0	adult	f/m	Chinese University of		none	yes		0
17	patients with				Hong Kong, Hong					
18	lumbar				Kong.					
19	stenosis	733	adult	f/m	governmental,					
20	adults with				institutional: Leiden		none	yes		0
21	sickle cell				University Medical					
22	disease	198	adult	f/m	Center, Netherlands.		Carvajal was			
23	patients with				institutional:		employed by			
24	hepatic				Iberoamerican		Eli Lilly to run			
25	encephalopa				Cochrane Center,		a four-hour	yes		1
26	thy	144	adult	f/m	Spain., Cystic					
27	patients with				institutional:					
28	irritable				Copenhagen Trial					
29	bowel				Unit, Denmark., The		none	yes		0
30	syndrome	213	adult	f/m	1991 Pharmacy		contributed to			
31	and adults				institutional:		the design			
32	with fever or				University of Leeds,		and			
33	malaria	not	no		UK., Homeopathy		management	yes		0
34	symptoms	ed	s	f/m	Research Institute,					
35	opioid				institutional: Centre					
36	depend				for Evidence-Based					
37	adults	870	adult	f/m	Health Care,		none	yes		0
38					Stellenbosch					
39					governmental,					
40					institutional: Tehran					
41					University of Medical					
42					Sciences, Iran.		none	yes		0
43										
44										
45										
46										
47	patients with				institutional:					
48	chronic heart				universities, British		none			
49	failure	136182	adult	f/m	Heart Foundation		not	mentione		
50					Project Grant,		mentioned	d		0
51										0

1																			
2																			
3																			
4	SR	132	2015	1	Foersch M, Jacobs C, Wriedt S, Hechtner M, Wehrbein H. Effectiveness of maxillary protraction using facemask with or without maxillary expansion: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Clinical Oral Investigations</i> [serial online]. July 2015;19(6):1181-119	and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz Medical Center, DEU	2015	deficient maxilla and reverse overbite	Treatment	maxillary protraction with face mask therapy	home setting	Home							
5																			
6																			
7	SR	133	2015	1	Sipe TA, Finnie RKC, Knopf JA, et al. Effects of mental health benefits legislation: A Community Guide systematic review. <i>Am J Prev Med</i> . 2015;48(6):755-766.	Analysis, and Library Services, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, USA	2015	mental health	Health Services	Health insurance benefits for mental health services	outpatients	Outpatient							
8																			
9																			
10	SR	134	2013	1	A.A. Ahmed, E. Alsharief, A. Alsharief, Intensive versus conventional glyceic control: what is best for patients with type 2 diabetes? <i>Diabetes Metab Syndr</i> , 7 (2013), pp. 48-51	Cardiff University, UK	GBR	2013	Type 2 Diabetes	Treatment	intensive and conventional insulin therapy	home setting	Home						
11																			
12																			
13																			
14	SR	135	2012	1	M. Panagioti, P.A. Gooding, N. Tarrier A meta-analysis of the association between posttraumatic stress disorder and suicidality: the role of comorbid depression; <i>Compr. Psychiatry</i> , 53 (2012), pp. 915-930	School of Psychological Sciences, University of Manchester, United Kingdom	GBR	2012	posttraumatic stress disorder	community-based	measuring frequency of suicidality	outpatients	Outpatient						
15																			
16																			
17	SR	136	2015	1	Z. Wang Age-dependent decline of association between obesity and mortality: a systematic review and meta-analysis <i>Obes Res Clin Pract</i> , 9 (2015), pp. 1-11	School of Medicine, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia	AUS	2015	obesity-mortality association	community-based	assessing effect of obesity on mortality	community setting	Community						
18																			
19																			
20	SR	137	2015	1	E. Rolka A systematic review of music and dyslexia, <i>The Arts in Psychotherapy</i> , 46 (2015), pp 24-32	School of Music, 100 Ferguson Hall, 2106 4th Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55455, USA	USA	2015	dyslexia	Treatment	music interventions	therapy setting	Outpatient						
21																			
22																			
23	SR	138	2011	1	Wu S, Cohen D, Shi Y, Pearson M, Sturm R. Economic analysis of physical activity interventions. <i>Am J Prev Med</i> . 2011;40(2):149-58.	RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California	USA	2011	physical activity	Prevention	interventions promoting physical activity	school and community setting	Community						
24																			
25																			
26																			
27	SR	139	2012	1	Rodgers M, Asaria M, Walker S, McMillan D, Lucock M, Harden M, et al. The clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of low-intensity psychological interventions for the secondary prevention of relapse after depression: a systematic review. <i>Health Technol Assess</i> 2012;16(11):1-192. doi:10.1186/1745-2974-16-111	Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, University of York, York, UK	GBR	2012	secondary prevention of depression	Prevention	low-intensity psychological interventions	inpatients and outpatients	Multiple						
28																			
29																			
30	SR	140	2015	1	Treating Aromatase Inhibitor-Related Arthralgia in Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. <i>Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine</i> . 2015;21(5):251-260. doi:10.1089/acm.2014.0083.	Institute of Traditional Medicine, National Yang-Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan.	TWN	2015	arthralgia in breast cancer patients	Treatment	acupuncture	therapy setting (acupuncture)	Outpatient						
31																			
32																			
33	SR	141	2013	1	Int J Integr Care 2013; Jul-Sep; URN:NBN:NL:UI:10-1-114740 , Community services' involvement in the discharge of older adults from hospital into the community, <i>Community Health Care</i> 2013;27(3):153-161. doi:10.1080/09638237.2013.789111	Division of Health Sciences, University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia	AUS	2013	discharge procedure	Health Services	community services	community setting	Community						
34																			
35																			
36	SR	142	2012	1	Comparison of labor and delivery care provided by certified nurse-midwives and physicians: a systematic review, 1990 to 2008. <i>Womens Health Issues Off Publ Jacobs Inst Womens Health</i> . 2012;22:e73-e81. doi:10.1016/j.whi.2011.06.005.	University of Maryland School of Nursing, Baltimore, USA	USA	2012	Labor and Delivery Care	Treatment	labor and delivery care	birth setting	Inpatient/Hospital						
37																			
38																			
39																			
40	SR	143	2015	1	C., Soulié, A6:1134 (2015). [Management of low-risk prostate cancer]. <i>Progrès En Urologie : Journal de l'Association Française d'urologie et de La Société Française d'urologie</i> , 25(1), 1-10. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.purol.2014.10.007	Université Paris Descartes, institut Montsouris, 42, boulevard Jourdan, 75014 Paris, France	FRA	2015	low-risk prostate cancer	Treatment	different treatments	inpatients and outpatients	Multiple						

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1									
2	patients								
3	treated with			governmental,					
4	face mask	936	adult	f/m	institutional	none	yes	0	1
5	covered by								
6	private or	not	no		governmental,		yes (not		
7	public	mention	restriction	f/m	institutional,	not	mentione	1	1
8	insurance	ed	s		institutional	mentioned	d)		
9	patients with						none		
10	type 2				governmental,		mentione		
11	diabetes	23182	adult	f/m	institutional	none	d	0	0
12	diagnosed								
13	with						none		
14	posttraumati				governmental,	not	mentione		
15	c stress	354	> 14	f/m	institutional	mentioned	d	0	1
16	individuals				institutional: National		yes (not		
17	with BMI >				Health andMedical		mentione		
18	30	4650877	adult	f/m	Australia	none	d)	1	1
19	patients				governmental,	not			
20	suffering				institutional	mentioned	no	0	1
21	from dyslexia	2726	6 to 36	f/m					
22		not	no		governmental,		none		
23	Population	mention	restriction	f/m	institutional: National	not	mentione	0	1
24	adults	ed	s		Cancer research	mentioned	d		
25	receiving	not			institute, UK				
26	treatment for	mention			governmental,		yes	0	0
27	depression	ed	adult	f/m	institutional	none			
28	women with						none		
29	breast				governmental,		mentione		
30	cancer				institutional	none	d	0	1
31	stages I - III	207	adult	f					
32	patients > 65				governmental,	not	none		
33	discharged				institutional	mentioned	d	0	0
34	from hospital	8440	> 65	f/m					
35					institutional,		none		
36	pregnant		no		supported by Tri-		mentione		
37	women	2836410	s	f	Council for Nursing	not	d	0	0
38	patients with				and the Advanced	mentioned			
39	low-risk	not					none		
40	prostate	mention			governmental,		mentione		
41	cancer	ed	adult	m	institutional	none	d	0	1

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1									
2				institutional: Agency					
3		not		for Healthcare			yes (not		
4	children	mention	children	Research and	Quality, US	none	mentione	1	1
5		ed				has received	d)		
6						speaking	yes (not		
7	adults		74536 adult	f/m	governmental,	institutional	mentione	1	1
8					institutional:	the University	d)		
9			no		University of Otago	of Otago,			
10	Population		restriction	f/m	and the Riddet	Riddet			
11	patients with	517844	s		Institute, a New	Institute, and	yes	1	1
12	primary								
13	hypothyreosi				governmental,	not	none		
14	s	1379	16 - 80	f/m	institutional	mentioned	d	0	1
15	with				institutional: Victorian				
16	diagnosed				Government's		none		
17	agenesis of	110	0 - 73	f/m	Operational	not	mentione	0	0
18	Corpus				Infrastructure	mentioned	d		
19	children and				governmental,				
20	adolescents	4648420	0 - 18	f/m	institutional: NIHR	none	yes	0	1
21	early- stage				HTA Programme,				
22	breast				institutional: Ministry				
23	cancer				of Education, Culture,		none		
24	patients	1159	adult	f	Sports, Science and	not	mentione	0	1
25	(some				Technology in Japan	mentioned	d		
26	undernourish						yes (not		
27	ed, some				governmental,	not	mentione		
28	well	2485	> 59	m/f	institutional	mentioned	d)	0	0
29	people with								
30	primary				governmental,	not	yes (not		
31	cancer				institutional	mentioned	mentione	0	1
32	diagnosis	648	adult	m/f			d)		
33	school,				governmental,		yes (not		
34	primary and	not			institutional	none	mentione	0	0
35	secondary	mention	< 18	m/f	institutional		d)		
36	school)	ed			institutional:				
37	patients with				Canadian Institutes				
38	type 2				for Health				
39	diabetes	2967	adult	m/f	Research/Drug	none	yes	1	1
40	no restriction	18933	s	m/f	governmental,	institutional	none	no	0

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1				Ian C. Scott, Rachael Tan, Daniel Stahl, Sophia Steer, Cathryn M. Lewis, and Andrew P. Cope The protective effect of alcohol on developing rheumatoid arthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis Rheumatology (2013) 52 (5): 856-867 first published online 15 August 2013	Cellular Biology of Inflammation, Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics, Guy's Hospital, London, UK	GBR	2013	rheumatoid arthritis	community-based	alcohol intake	community setting	Community	
2				Hu MB, Xu H, Bai PD, et al. Obesity has multifaceted impact on biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer: a dose-response meta-analysis of 36,927 patients. Med Oncol 2014; 31:829. DOI: 10.1007/s12032-013-0829-8	Huashan Hospital, Fudan University, No.12 Wulumuqi Road, Shanghai, 200040, China	CHN	2014	prostate cancer	Prevention	assessing effect of obesity (BMI) on recurrence	clinical setting	Outpatient	
3				Blasco, M.A., Redleaf, M.I., 2014. Cochlear implantation in unilateral sudden deafness improves tinnitus and speech comprehension: meta-analysis and systematic review. Otol. Neurotol. 35 (8), 1426-1432. DOI: 10.1097/MAO.0000000000000431	College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois	USA	2014	cochlear implants	Treatment	hearing loss	outpatients	Outpatient	
4	SR	156	2013	1	Physical Activity in Overweight and Obese Adolescents: Systematic Review of the Effects on Physical Fitness Components and Cardiovascular Risk Factors SPORTS MEDICINE Volume: 44 Issue: 8 Pages: 1139-1152 Published: AUG 2014	Janeiro, Lab Phys Act & Hlth Promot, Inst Phys Educ & Sports, BR-20550013 Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	BRA	2014	obesity prevention	Prevention	physical activity	community, therapy setting	Multiple
5				Gibbs et al., 2014, M. Gibbs, C. Winsper, S. Marwaha, E. Gilbert, M. Broome, S.P. Singh, Cannabis use and mania symptoms: a systematic review and meta-analysis J. Affect. Disord., 171C (2014), pp. 39–47, doi:10.1016/j.jad.2014.09.016	Division of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick, CV4 7AL, UK	GBR	2015	cannabis use	community-based	cannabis use and association with mania	community setting	Community	

20 Rapid reviews

1								
2					undertaking a			
3	drinkers/non-	96462	adult	m/f	governmental,	clinical re-	none	
4	drinkers				institutional: Arthritis	search	mentione	
5	patients with				Research UK	fellowship,	d	0 0
6	primary				governmental,			
7	prostate	36927	adult	m	institutional: National		none	
8	cancer				Natural Science		mentione	
9	patients with				Foundation of China	none	d	0 0
10	unilateral							
11	hearing loss	36	adult	m/f	governmental,		none	
12	overweight				institutional	none	mentione	
13	and obese				institutional: Carlos		d	0 0
14	adolescents	1616	12 - 17	m/f	Chagas Filho			
15	who had				Foundation for the	none	mentione	
16	experienced				Research Support in	none	d	0 1
17	mania	2391	> 12	m/f				
18	symptoms				governmental,		yes (not	
19					institutional	none	mentione	
20							d)	0 1

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1								
2	Anesthesia	no						
3	patients of all	restriction		governmental,	not	no		
4	ages	3538 s	m/f	institutional	mentioned	protocol		1
5	adults with			governmental,				
6	severe	not		institutional:				
7	mental	mention		Canadian Psychiatric		no		
8	illness SMI	ed	adult	m/f	Association	none	protocol	0
9				institutional: Cancer				
10		not		Care Ontario,		none		
11	adults	mention	adult	m/f	Ministry of Health	not	mentione	1
12	patients in			and Long-Term Care	mentioned	d		
13	emergency	>	no					
14	department	1700000	restriction	m/f	governmental,	none	yes	1
15	repeatedly			institutional				
16	visiting ED	not	no			none		
17	within 48 or	mention	restriction	m/f	governmental,	mentione		
18	72h	ed	s	m/f	institutional	none	d	0
19	patients							
20	undergoing			governmental,	not	none		
21	surgery	45516	adult	m	institutional	mentioned	d	0
22	receiving							
23	mental	not	no			none		
24	health	mention	restriction	m/f	governmental,	mentione		
25	services	ed	s	m/f	institutional	none	d	0
26				institutional: Cancer				
27	Population	not	no	m/f	Care Ontario,	not	yes	0
28		mention	restriction		Ministry of Health	mentioned		
29	Patients with	ed	s	m/f	and Long-Term Care	mentioned	yes	0
30	cancer	ed	s	m/f	Institute NSW	not	yes (not	0
31						mentioned	mentione	
32	patients with				governmental,		d)	
33	chronic pain	2418	adult	m/f	institutional	none	d)	1
34	symptoms				institutional; National			
35					Institute for Health	the authors of		
36	adolescent		adolescen		Research (NIHR), UK	The Marmot	none	
37	girls	16744	t	f	Clinical Research	Review's Fair	mentione	
38					institute: National	Society	d	
39		not	no		Institute for Health		none	
40	Population	mention	restriction	m/f	and Clinical		mentione	
41		ed	s	m/f	Excellence (NICE),	none	d	0

1					Sensory Art Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, John Bingham, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15	Samueli Institute, Alexandria, Virginia, USA	USA	2014	chronic pain management	Treatment	sensory art & music therapies	therapy setting	Outpatient
2					(S1) S66-S75; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12409								
3						Centre for Determinants of Health, P,O,Box 5000, Antigonish NS B2G 2 W5, Canada	CAN	2013	health equity	Health Services	Any intersectoral intervention involving public health	community and school setting	Community
4	RR	173	2014	1	Ndumbe-Eyoh S, Moffatt H. Intersectoral action for health equity: a rapid systematic review. BMC Public Health. 2013;13:1056-2458-13-1056. DOI: 10.1186/1471-2458-13-1056								
5						Social Science Research Unit, EPPI-Centre, Institute of Education, University of London	GBR	2014	psychological outcomes of cosmetic procedures	Treatment	cosmetic interventions	inpatient	Inpatient/Hospital
6					Brunton, G., Paraskeva, N., Caird, J., Bird, K. S., Kavanagh, J., Kwan, I., & ... Thomas, J. (2014). Psychosocial predictors, assessment, and outcomes of cosmetic procedures: a systematic rapid evidence assessment. Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, 38(5), 1030-1040. doi:10.1007/s00266-014-0369-4								
7	RR	174	2013	1	Geddes et al., 2011, R. Geddes, J. Frank, S. Haw, A rapid review of key strategies to improve the cognitive and social development of children in Scotland, Health Policy, 101 (2011), pp. 20–28	Public Health Research and Policy, MRC Human Genetics Unit building, Western General Hospital, Activity Research (CEDAR), Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge	GBR	2011	cognitive and social development of children	Treatment	early childhood interventions	community setting	Community
8					doi:10.1016/j.healthpol.2010.08.013								
9													
10	RR	175	2014	1	Humphreys, DK, Ogilvie, D. Synthesising evidence for equity impacts of population-based physical activity interventions: A pilot study. Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act. 2013;10:76. DOI: 10.1186/1479-5868-10-76								
11						Communication Disorders & Deaf Education, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA	USA	2014	population-level interventions on social inequalities	Prevention	population-based physical activity interventions	community setting	Community
12					Muñoz, K., Caballero, A., & White, K. (2014). Effectiveness of questionnaires for screening hearing of school-age children: a comprehensive literature review. International Journal Of Audiology, 53(12), 910-914. doi:10.3109/14992027.2014.943846								
13	RR	176	2011	1									
14													
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16	RR	177	2013	1									
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20	RR	178	2014	1									
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22													
23	RR	179	2014	1	Physically Oriented Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, Todd May, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15	Samueli Institute, Alexandria, Virginia, USA	USA	2014	chronic pain management	Treatment	Physically oriented therapies	therapy setting	Outpatient
24					(S1) S54-S65; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12410								
25						University of York, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, York, UK	GBR	2014	prescribing generic drugs	Health Services	behaviour change interventions	National Health Service and similar	different/other
26	RR	180	2014	1	Moe-Byrne, T., Chambers, D., Harden, M., McDaid, C., Behaviour change interventions to promote prescribing of generic drugs: A rapid evidence synthesis and systematic review (2014) BMJ Open, 4 (5), art. no. e004623. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2013-004623								
27													
28													
29													
30	RR	181	2014	1	health interventions to monitor, promote and improve the health of adults with intellectual disabilities in the community: a systematic review. Research in Developmental Disabilities 35, 887–907. doi: 10.1016/j.ridd.2014.01.010	Mental Health Sciences, Charles Bell House, 2nd Floor, 67-73 Riding House Street, London W1W 7EJ, Department of Health Sciences, University of York, York, YO10 5DD, United Kingdom (UK)	GBR	2014	intellectual disabilities	Treatment	carer-led interventions	community setting (carer-led)	Community
31													
32													
33	RR	182	2011	1	Mann R, Gilbody S. Validity of two case finding questions to detect postnatal depression: a review of diagnostic test accuracy. J Affect Disord. 2011;133:388–97. doi:10.1016/j.jad.2010.11.015.								
34													
35													
36	RR	183	2013	1	Barry, M. M., D'Eath, M., & Sixsmith, J. (2013). Interventions for improving population health literacy: insights from a rapid review of the evidence. Journal Of Health Communication, 18(12), 1507-1522. doi:10.1080/10810730.2013.840699	Health Promotion Research Centre, National University of Ireland Galway, Galway, Ireland	IRL	2013	postnatal depression	community-based	Assessing PND with different methods	post-birth setting	Outpatient
37													
38													
39	RR	184	2013	1	Kessel, A., Zambon, M., Nguyen-Van-Tam, J. S. and on behalf of the UK Antiviral Effectiveness Review Group (2013), Neuraminidase inhibitors for influenza: a review and public health perspective in the aftermath of the 2009 pandemic. Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses, 7: 14–24. doi: 10.1093/ihr/ibn014	Influenza Research Group, Division of Epidemiology and Public Health, School of Community Health	GBR	2013	population health literacy	Health Services	Communication / health literacy interventions	community setting	Community
40													
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1	patients							
2	suffering					none		
3	from chronic				governmental,	mentione		
4	pain	711	adult	m/f	institutional	d	0	
5								
6	general		no			yes (not		
7	population	115613	restriction	m/f	governmental,	mentione	1	
8	participants		s		institutional	d)		
9	requesting	not	no		institutional: Policy	yes (not		
10	cosmetic	mention	restriction	m/f	Research	mentione		
11	procedures	ed	s		Programme in the	d)	1	
12					Department of Health			
13	children 0–5	not			institutional:	none		
14	years	mention	0 - 5	m/f	SCPHRP is funded	mentione	0	
15		ed			by the Medical	d		
16	general	not	no		Research Council			
17	population	mention	restriction	m/f	institutional: British	none		
18		ed	s		Heart Foundation,	mentione	0	
19	school age				Economic and Social	d		
20	children	2717	2 - 13	m/f	Research Council,			
21	patients					yes (not		
22	suffering				governmental,	mentione	0	
23	from chronic				institutional	d)		
24	pain	1087	adult	m/f		none	0	
25					governmental,			
26	healthcare	not			institutional: NIHR			
27	providers	mention	adult	m/f	CLAHRC for Leeds,	yes	1	
28	patients with	ed			York & Bradford			
29	and without				governmental,			
30	intellectual				institutional: National			
31	disabilities	4721	> 2	m/f	Institute for Health	yes	0	
32					Research (NIHR)			
33	adult women				institutional: Hull York	yes (not		
34	with live birth	506	adult	f	Medical School	mentione	0	
35					(HYMS), University of	d)		
36	adult health	not			York, York			
37	service users	mention	adult	m/f	institutional:	yes (not		
38		ed			European Centre for	mentione	1	
39	Population				Disease Prevention	d)		
40					and Control (ECDC)			
41					mentioned			
42					institutional: Health			
43					Protection Agency			
44					(HPA) and the			
45					Department of	research from	1	
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4	RR	185	2012	1	McMurrin, M. (2012). Individual-level interventions for alcohol-related violence: a rapid evidence assessment. <i>Criminal Behaviour And Mental Health: CBMH</i> , 22(1), 14-28. doi:10.1002/cbm.821	Institute of Mental Health, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK	GBR	2012	alcohol-related violence	Treatment	psychological interventions	therapy setting	Outpatient									
5																						
6																						
7	RR	186	2014	1	Smit, Jonna K. van Vulpen, Inge Wegner, Inge Stegeman, and Wilko Grolman, Rapid Systematic Review of Normal Audiometry Results as a Predictor for Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo, <i>Otolaryngology -- Head and Neck Surgery</i> June 2014 150: 919-924, KONNYU, K., KWOK, E., SKIDMORE, B., MOHER, D.. The effectiveness and safety of emergency department short stay units: a rapid review. <i>Open Medicine, North America</i> , 6, jan. 2012. Available at: <a href="http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/view/478/449">http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/view/478/449</a> .	Otorhinolaryngology--Head and Neck Surgery, University Medical Center, Utrecht, The Netherlands	NED	2014	benign paroxysmal positional vertigo	community-based	pure-tone audiometry	audiometry setting	Outpatient									
8																						
9																						
10	RR	187	2012	1	P., Rankin, N., and Kirsten, L. (2015) Clinical pathway for the screening, assessment and management of anxiety and depression in adult cancer patients: Australian guidelines. <i>Psycho-Oncology</i> , 24: 987–1001. doi: 10.1002/pon.3920.	Department of Emergency Medicine at The Ottawa Hospital	CAN	2012	length of emergency department stay	Health Services	ED short stay units (SSU)	emergency department	Inpatient/ Hospital									
11																						
12																						
13	RR	188	2015	1	R.B. Costello, C.V. Lentino, C.C. Boyd, M.L. O'Connell, C.C. Crawford, M.L. Sprengel, et al., The effectiveness of melatonin for promoting healthy sleep: a rapid evidence assessment of the literature, <i>Nutr. J.</i> , 13 (2014), p. 106 DOI: 10.1186/1475-2891-13-106	operative Research Group (PoCoG), The University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia	AUS	2015	anxiety and depression in adult cancer patients	community-based	screening for anxiety and depression	hospital community setting (night and shift work)	Inpatient/ Hospital									
14																						
15																						
16	RR	189	2014	1	Lee, C., Crawford, C., & Swann, S. (2014). Multimodal, integrative therapies for the self-management of chronic pain symptoms. <i>Pain Medicine (Malden, Mass.)</i> , 15 Suppl 1S76-S85. doi:10.1111/pme.12408	Emergency Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	USA	2014	sleep quality sleep disorders	Treatment	Melatonin application	community (self-management)	Community									
17																						
18																						
19	RR	190	2014	1		Samueli Institute, Alexandria, Virginia, USA	USA	2014	chronic pain management	Treatment	Multimodal, Integrative Therapies	community (self-management)	Community									

**Rapid reviews (CRD databases)**

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26	CRD RF	191	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Prophylactic antibiotics for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. <i>Health Quality Ontario</i> ; 2015 February. 26 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-ghazipura">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-ghazipura</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	prophylactic use of azithromycin for COPD patients	Treatment	Azithromycin	outpatients	Outpatient
27													
28													
29	CRD RF	192	2013	1	Ghazipura M. Community versus inpatient rehabilitation in hip fracture patients: a rapid review. <i>Toronto, Ontario</i> ; 2013 Apr. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohatc-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohatc-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	Hip fracture rehabilitation	Treatment	physiotherapy	inpatient vs outpatient	Multiple
30													
31													
32	CRD RF	193	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Sodium restriction in heart failure: a rapid review. <i>Toronto: Health Quality Ontario</i> ; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-CHF">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-CHF</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	heart failure	Prevention	restricting sodium	community setting	Community
33													
34													
35	CRD RF	194	2014	1	Lambrinos, A. Preoperative consultations: a rapid review. <i>Toronto: Health Quality Ontario</i> ; 2014 March. 19 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/appropriateness-initiative#preop-consult">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/appropriateness-initiative#preop-consult</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2014	preoperative assessment	Health Services	preoperative consultations	hospital (surgery)	Inpatient/ Hospital
36													
37													
38	CRD RF	195	2013	1	Ling D. Role of screening for respiratory syncytial virus or influenza and empirical antiviral treatment for patients with community-acquired pneumonia: a rapid review. <i>Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario</i> ; 2013 November. 17 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-CHF">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-CHF</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	CAP (pneumonia) management	Treatment	screening for RSV or influenza	hospital inpatients	inpatient/ Hospital



1							
2	alcohol-						
3	associated					yes (not	
4	violence	1265 > 14	m/f	governmental,	not	mentione	0
5	problems			institutional	mentioned	d)	
6						none	
7	Patients with	102 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	0
8	vertigo			institutional		d	
9	patients at	no		governmental,	is a		
10	emergency	restriction		institutional:	contributing		
11	department	9963 s	m/f	Canadian Institutes	editor for	no	1
12				of Health Research	Open	protocol	
13	cancer	not					
14	patients	mentioned	adult	m/f	governmental,	no	1
15	healthy				institutional	protocol	
16	population or				institutional: Defense		
17	patients with	1903 adult	m/f	for Health and	Health Program and	not	1
18	insomnia				USUHS, Consortium	published	
19	patients with						
20	chronic pain	3561 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	yes (not	1
21	symptoms			institutional		mentione	
22						d)	
23							
24							
25						none	
26	COPD	176 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	1
27	patients			institutional		d	
28							
29	hip fracture	195 > 65	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	1
30	patients			institutional		d	
31							
32	patients with	3318 > 53	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	1
33	heart failure			institutional		d	
34							
35	surgery					none	
36	patients	372746 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	1
37				institutional		d	
38							
39	patients with	0 adult	f/m	governmental,	none	mentione	1
40	CAP			institutional		d	
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1					Health Quality Ontario. Communication of discharge instructions: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 18 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	discharge procedure	Health Services	providing a written discharge plan	acute hospital to home (discharge-setting)	different/other
2	CRD RF	196	2015	1	Community-Acquired Pneumonia. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 November. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapi">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapi</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	CAP (pneumonia) management	Treatment	timing of antibiotics administration	hospital	inpatient/Hospital
3	CRD RF	197	2013	1	pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Jan. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapid-review">www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapid-review</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	COPD management	Treatment	action plans	home and outpatients setting	Multiple
4	CRD RF	198	2013	1	Wang M. Pulmonary rehabilitation in the home versus other settings for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/ev">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/ev</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	pulmonary rehabilitation	Treatment	home-based rehabilitation	home setting	Home
5	CRD RF	199	2015	1	Bungay, H., & Vella-Burrows, T. (2013). The effects of participating in creative activities on the health and well-being of children and young people: A rapid review of the literature. Perspectives in Public Health, 133(1), 44–52.	Health Quality Ontario, Department of Allied Health, Anglia Ruskin University, East Road, Cambridge, CB1 1 PT, UK	GBR	2013	lifestyle	Prevention	participating in creative activities	community setting (activities)	Community
6	CRD RF	200	2013	1	Lambrinos A. Home-based exercise programs in heart failure: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 21 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of heart failure	Prevention	home-based exercise programs	home setting	Home
7	CRD RF	201	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Home-based versus centre-based rehabilitation for community-dwelling postacute stroke patients: an economic rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/eviden">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/eviden</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	stroke rehabilitation	Treatment	centre-based vs home-based rehabilitation	rehabilitation centre vs home setting	Multiple
8	CRD RF	202	2015	1	Nikitovic M. Intensity of rehabilitation after hip fracture: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Apr. 17 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	rehabilitation after hip fracture	Treatment	increasing rehabilitation intensity	rehabilitation setting	Inpatient/Hospital
9	CRD RF	203	2013	1	Self-management and educational interventions in the postacute stroke population: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-strok">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-strok</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of stroke, COPD, heart failure	Prevention	self-management or educational interventions	home and community setting	Multiple
10	CRD RF	204	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Criteria for referral to home care: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	criteria for referring to home care services	Health Services	home care services	home care setting	Home
11	CRD RF	205	2015	1	Baidoobonso S. Effect of supportive interventions on informal caregivers of people at the end of life: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2014 December. 25 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommenda">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohdac-recommenda</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2014	palliative care	Health Services	supportive interventions	palliative care setting	Inpatient/Hospital
12	CRD RF	206	2014	1	Miani C, Ball S, Pitchforth E, Exley J, King S, Roland M, et al. Organisational interventions to reduce length of stay in hospital: a rapid evidence assessment. Health Serv Deliv Res 2014;2(52). DOI: 10.3310/hsdr02520	RAND Europe, Cambridge, UK	GBR	2014	length of stay in acute care hospitals	Health Services	various	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital

1	patients							
2	being					none		
3	discharged					mentione		
4	from hospital	0	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none		1
5								
6	patients with	not					none	
7	CAP	mention ed	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
8								
9	patients with						none	
10	COPD	574	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
11								
12	patients with						none	
13	COPD	ca 400	> 40	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
14								
15	children 11 -						none	
16	18	ca 3500	11 to 18	m/f	funded by Lambeth PCT	not mentioned	mentione d	0
17								
18	heart failure						none	
19	patients	296	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
20								
21	postacute	not					none	
22	stroke	mention ed	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
23	patients							
24								
25	patients with						none	
26	hip fracture	0	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
27								
28	post-acute						none	
29	stroke, CHF, and COPD	not mention ed	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
30	patients							
31							none	
32	adults	895	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
33								
34	patients at						none	
35	the end of						mentione d	
36	life	1836	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none		1
37								
38	acute							
39	hospital							
40	patients	142899	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional: funded by the HS&DR programme, NIHR	none	yes	0

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1					Wang M. Airway clearance techniques for patients with stable chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from:	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	COPD management	Treatment	airway clearance techniques	outpatients	Outpatient
2					Health Quality Ontario. Exercise programs after pulmonary rehabilitation for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from:	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	COPD rehabilitation	Treatment	exercise programs	community setting (exercise)	Community
3					Health Quality Ontario. Respiratory services in home care for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from:	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	respiratory rehabilitation	Treatment	respiratory therapy	therapy setting	Outpatient
4	CRD RF	208	2015	1	<a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	rehabilitation after hip fracture	Treatment	active rehabilitation program	rehabilitation setting	Inpatient/Hospital
5					Brener S. Optimal timing to begin an active rehabilitation program after a hip fracture: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Apr. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohrac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohrac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	coronary/stroke prevention	Prevention	statin administration	community setting	Community
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**Supplementary Table S2:**

**Characteristics of the study population by type of included review**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>Non-Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>RR (%)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Setting</b>					
Hospital setting, inpatients	7 (23)	1 (3)	8 (27)	10 (33)	26 (22)
Outpatients	9 (30)	9 (30)	7 (23)	4 (13)	29 (24)
Home setting	0	3 (10)	0	3 (10)	6 (5)
Community setting	5 (17)	10 (33)	13 (43)	7 (23)	35 (29)
Multiple	9 (30)	5 (17)	0	4 (13)	18 (15)
Other	0	2 (7)	2 (7)	2 (7)	6 (5)
<b>Population size<sup>1</sup></b>					
Median (range)	733 (0; 390,769)	2,846.5 (36; 4,650,877)	2,717 (102; 1,700,000)	349.5 (0; 372,746)	1,622 (0; 4,650,877)
<b>Population type</b>					
Patients with disease/condition	18 (60)	18 (60)	20 (67)	26 (87)	82 (68)
Healthy population	9 (30)	8 (27)	9 (30)	3 (10)	29 (24)
Other	3 (10)	4 (13)	1 (3)	1 (3)	9 (8)
<b>Age range (yrs)</b>					
Adults (>18)	20 (67)	14 (47)	13 (43)	25 (83)	72 (60)

Adolescents (13-18)	2 (7)	1 (3)	1 (3)	1 (3)	5 (4)
Children (0-12)	3 (10)	1 (3)	1 (3)	0	5 (4)
Youth (0-18)	1 (3)	2 (7)	0	0	3 (3)
Other subgroups	1 (3)	6 (20)	2 (7)	3 (10)	12 (10)
Population	3 (10)	6 (20)	13 (43)	1 (3)	23 (19)
<b>Sex</b>					
Females and males	29 (97)	28 (93)	24 (80)	30 (100)	111 (93)
Females only	1 (3)	1 (3)	4 (13)	0	6 (5)
Males only	0	1 (3)	2 (7)	0	3 (3)

CRD: University of York, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination; RR: rapid review; SR: systematic review; WHO: World Health Organisation

<sup>1</sup> Zero means that there were no participants mentioned or included in the review.

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## ABSTRACT

**Objective** Engaging stakeholders in reviews is considered to generate more relevant evidence and to facilitate dissemination and use. As little is known about stakeholder involvement, we assessed the characteristics of their engagement in systematic and rapid reviews and the methodological quality of included studies. Stakeholders were people with a particular interest in the research topic.

**Design** Methodological review

**Search strategy** Four databases (Medline, Embase, Cochrane database of systematic reviews, databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)) were searched based on an a priori protocol. Four types of reviews (Cochrane and non-Cochrane systematic reviews, rapid and CRD rapid reviews) were retrieved between January, 2011 and October, 2015, pooled by potential review type and duplicates excluded. Articles were randomly ordered and screened for inclusion and exclusion criteria until 30 reviews per group were reached. Their methodological quality was assessed using AMSTAR and stakeholder characteristics were collected.

**Results** In total, 57,822 deduplicated citations were detected with potential non-Cochrane systematic reviews being the biggest group (56,986 records). We found stakeholder involvement in 13% (4/30) of Cochrane, 20% (6/30) of non-Cochrane, 40% (13/30) of rapid and 93% (28/30) of CRD reviews. Overall, 33% (17/51) of the responding contact authors mentioned positive effects of stakeholder involvement. A conflict of interest statement remained unmentioned in 40% (12/30) of non-Cochrane and in 27% (8/30) of rapid reviews, but not in Cochrane or CRD reviews. At most, half of non-Cochrane and rapid reviews mentioned an a priori study protocol in contrast to approximately all Cochrane and CRD reviews.

**Conclusion** Stakeholder engagement was not general practice, except for CRD reviews, although it was more common in rapid reviews. Reporting factors, such as including an a priori study protocol and a conflict of interest statement should be considered in conjunction with involving stakeholders.



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### 13 **STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS STUDY**

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16 reviews was used to fill the gap and to provide an overview of the current situation.  
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- 18 • The different review types were able to inform on stakeholder involvement and pointed  
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- 26 • The majority of studies were from higher-income countries limiting the generalizability  
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## INTRODUCTION

Evidence synthesis remains a rapidly growing field. There are different methodological approaches and formats depending on the research question and the intended use of the review, such as scoping, systematic or rapid reviews as well as realist syntheses, policy briefs and health technology assessments. We will focus on full systematic reviews as a well-established review type in healthcare and on rapid reviews as an emerging one. A traditional full systematic review is a review that “attempts to collate all empirical evidence and that fits pre-specified eligibility criteria in order to answer a specific, usually narrow research question or intervention”. [1] Within systematic reviews, Cochrane full systematic reviews were established as “gold standard” in knowledge synthesis. A couple of studies compared Cochrane and non-Cochrane systematic reviews and found that the reporting of Cochrane systematic reviews was the most complete one [2], that they were less prone to bias due to greater transparency in reporting as well as due to the quality criteria used, such as the risk of bias assessment [3]. Furthermore, Hopewell et al. described that the inclusion of grey literature routinely performed in Cochrane systematic reviews limited publication bias and provided more conservative treatment effects compared to non-Cochrane systematic reviews without including grey literature. [4]

Rapid reviews are characterized by a less complex research question and aim to synthesize evidence within a shorter time period, with time frames ranging from one week to nine months. [5, 6] They might, therefore, be prone to be of lower validity as a consequence of accelerating and streamlining the review process. [5] However, in response to an increasing demand from stakeholders, rapid reviews are being performed more frequently than before. [6] Only few formal definitions of different rapid reviews exist and few studies have examined their methodology. [7] To cover the variety of rapid reviews we included rapid reviews listed in medical databases as well as other rapid reviews from the databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination ([www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb](http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb)), such as the Dare

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3 reviews (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects) or health technology assessments (CRD  
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13 Stakeholder as a very broad term may include anyone affected by an issue and/or anyone  
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17 stages of systematic or rapid reviews and this is often referred to as coproduction. Thus,  
18 stakeholder engagement aims participatory research and might direct the research question,  
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20 evidence synthesis and interpretation and might facilitate dissemination and use. Therefore, it  
21 enhances the relevance of findings for policy and practice and contributes to the sustainability of  
22 health systems.[12-14] We especially focused on stakeholder involvement among health  
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26 health and well-being".[15] Here, we considered the context of conducted studies and  
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## 17 **METHODS**

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23 characteristics and reporting of stakeholder engagement in random samples of systematic and  
24 rapid reviews in the field of health services research (Supplementary File S1). A total of four  
25 types of reviews, two groups of each, systematic and rapid reviews, were assessed as they  
26 were considered to exhibit potentially differences in stakeholder involvement. This included  
27 Cochrane systematic reviews, non-Cochrane systematic reviews, rapid reviews and rapid  
28 reviews of the databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD  
29 rapid reviews). For the reporting of this study the PRISMA checklist was used (Supplementary  
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### 45 **Search strategy and screening**

46 For systematic reviews, we searched the Cochrane database of systematic reviews for  
47 articles including the term “systematic review” in their title or abstract (Cochrane systematic  
48 reviews) and EBSCO Medline and Embase with excluding the term “Cochrane” in title or  
49 abstract (non-Cochrane systematic reviews). Rapid reviews were searched in EBSCO Medline  
50 and Embase and in the databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and  
51 Dissemination ([www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb](http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb)) (CRD rapid reviews). Sample search strategies  
52 are depicted in Supplementary Files S3a and S3b. We included studies published between  
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3 January, 2011 and December, 2015 without language restriction. Our search was completed on  
4 October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and therefore, the search results for 2015 did not cover the whole year. All  
5 results were pooled by review type and duplicates were excluded based on authors, journal and  
6 publication year. For each of the four lists of potential study types, each reference was given a  
7 unique random number using the `sample()` function available in R [16]. Each list was then  
8 sorted by the random number, and the articles were screened in order for inclusion and  
9 exclusion criteria by two reviewers until a total of 30 studies were reached per group (JF and  
10 MM tested their consistency in assessing the inclusion and exclusion criteria for about ten  
11 different studies and MM checked the assignment for about half of the study sample). Full text  
12 screening was performed to ensure the decision. One review author (JF) performed data  
13 extraction, supervised and spot-checked by a second researcher (MM). Disagreements were  
14 resolved by consensus.

### 30 **Sample size and selection of review groups**

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32 As rapid reviews were often targeted to specific audiences [8, 9], they were expected to  
33 involve stakeholders to a greater extent. We estimated a proportion of stakeholder involvement  
34 of 0.70 for rapid reviews and of 0.25 for systematic reviews, which resulted in a minimal  
35 expected difference of 0.45. For a two group-comparison, rapid and systematic reviews, with  
36  $n=25$  per group there will be an estimated power of 0.88 and an alpha of 0.023. To account for  
37 a potential subgroup analysis, we included a sample of  $n=30$  reviews per group, with four  
38 review groups (Cochrane and non-Cochrane systematic reviews, rapid and CRD rapid reviews).  
39 This resulted in an overall sample of 120 studies.

### 51 **Inclusion and exclusion criteria**

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53 We included reviews targeting health services research as defined by Lohr [15]: "Health  
54 services research is the multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that studies how social  
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56 personal behaviors affect access to health care, the quality and cost of health care, and  
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3 ultimately, our health and well-being. Its research domains are individuals, families,  
4 organizations, institutions, communities, and populations.” Therefore, we included Health  
5 Technology Assessments (e.g. rapid reviews as part of HTAs) targeting effectiveness as well as  
6 meta-analyses and systematic reviews for effectiveness and utility, reviews of pharmaceutical  
7 trials under everyday conditions, reviews of basic research in care-related fields, reviews of  
8 quality research or of methodological developments in the field of health services research,  
9 reviews about the development and application of new technologies (ehealth) and the  
10 implementation of knowledge into clinical practice. We excluded reviews that focused  
11 exclusively on economic or cost analyses, performed a narrative review, an overview of reviews  
12 or a protocol of a systematic review in order not to mix so different methodological approaches.  
13 The following study types were also excluded: Reviews of efficacy studies without assessing the  
14 quality of life, reviews including clinical efficacy trials phase I to III, epidemiological reviews to  
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### 35 **Data extraction**

36 Stakeholders were defined as people with a particular interest in the research topic (but  
37 were not members of the primary research team).[10, 17] We evaluated any kind of stakeholder  
38 involvement and recorded different groups of stakeholders: Institutional health care providers,  
39 representatives of hospitals or community services, patients/consumers, participants of  
40 government agencies and health care policymakers at Federal, State and local levels,  
41 associations of health professionals and researchers (if not members of the primary study  
42 team). If available, we identified their fields and stages of involvement as well as their  
43 contribution to the study. This included all review steps, such as formulating the research  
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3 corresponding author, the type of intervention, study setting, characteristics of the population  
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5 methodological quality of included articles was assessed using the AMSTAR tool, a  
6 measurement tool for the assessment of the methodological quality of systematic reviews.[18]  
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8 Where available, our rating was compared with an already existing one from the “health  
9 evidence” or “health systems evidence” platforms.[19, 20] Both quality ratings were then  
10 categorized as strong ( $\geq 8$ ), moderate (4-7) or weak ( $< 4$ ). In the absence of a quality assessment  
11 tool for rapid reviews, we used AMSTAR also for rapid reviews, being aware that this might  
12 result in lower rating scores due to abbreviated procedures. In addition, the use of the PRISMA  
13 checklist was recorded when mentioned in the articles.[21] AMSTAR ratings are presented as  
14 Supplementary file S4, study characteristics as Supplementary file S5.

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16 To ascertain stakeholder engagement as well as to assess the extent or stages of their  
17 involvement, pre-formulated questions were sent by email to the contact authors of the included  
18 articles. We asked them, if there had been any stakeholder involvement (yes or no) and if so, to  
19 specify the number of stakeholders, the stages of involvement and their self-assessed  
20 estimation of the effect of stakeholder engagement on the review outcome. In case of missing  
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41 **Patient and Public involvement** None involved.

## 42 43 44 45 46 **RESULTS**

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48 Our search identified 57,822 citations remaining after exclusion of duplicates. Although,  
49 not all of these records will fulfil the inclusion criteria, such as e.g. being designed as a  
50 systematic review, we assigned them as potential review group. For the screening step, the  
51 counts of the articles that needed to be screened to reach the final set of studies are depicted in  
52 Figure 1.[22-141] The excluded studies are presented in Supplementary Table S1.

[insert Figure 1 here]

**Table 1**

**Characteristics of included reviews by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>Non-Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>RR (%)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Random sample (% of total per group)</b>	30 (6)	30 (0.1)	30 (14)	30 (32)	120 (0.2)
<b>Geographic location of the corresponding author (% of random sample)</b>					
Africa	2 (7)	0	0	0	2 (2)
Asia	5 (17)	3 (10)	1 (3)	0	9 (8)
Australia	3 (10)	5 (17)	2 (7)	0	10 (8)
Europe	11 (37)	13 (43)	13 (43)	2 (7)	39 (33)
North America	7 (23)	8 (27)	14 (47)	28 (93)	57 (48)
South America	2 (7)	1 (3)	0	0	3 (3)
<b>Thematic focus</b>					
Prevention	11 (37)	5 (17)	4 (13)	7 (23)	27 (23)
Treatment	18 (60)	14 (47)	15 (50)	16 (53)	63 (53)
Health system	1 (3)	2 (7)	7 (23)	7 (23)	17 (14)
Community-based <sup>1</sup>	0	9 (30)	4 (13)	0	13 (11)
<b>Funding</b>					
Governmental, institutional or WHO	30 (100)	30 (100)	30 (100)	30 (100)	120 (100)
Additional funding by	0	0	1 (3)	0	1 (1)



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<b>Conflict of interest (COI)</b>					
Declared none	21 (70)	15 (50)	19 (63)	29 (97)	84 (70)
COI declared	9 (30)	3 (10)	3 (10)	0	15 (13)
Unmentioned	0	12 (40)	8 (27)	1 (3)	21 (18)
<b>Study protocol</b>					
Yes, mentioned in article	30 (100)	5 (17)	4 (13)	1 (3)	40 (33)
Yes, mentioned in correspondence	0	8 (27)	9 (30)	0	17 (14)
No, confirmed by correspondence	0	2 (7)	4 (13)	0	6 (5)
Unmentioned	0	15 (50)	13 (43)	29 (97)	57 (48)
<b>AMSTAR rating</b>					
Median (range)	11 (7, 11)	7 (3, 11)	4 (2, 10)	8 (5, 11)	8 (2, 11)

With exclusion of treatment or preventive interventions

AMSTAR: measurement tool for the "assessment of the methodological quality of systematic reviews", not applicable questions were not counted. Higher AMSTAR scores indicate higher quality.

SR: systematic review; RR: rapid review; CRD: databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; WHO: World Health Organisation.

Table 1 presents the characteristics of the included studies. Cochrane systematic reviews generally focused on the prevention and treatment of specific conditions, whereas 30% of non-Cochrane systematic reviews were categorized with a community-based topic, with a wide range of participants and possible outcomes and a broader range of study settings. Of note, 23% of each, rapid reviews and CRD rapid reviews, were categorized as health system

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9 systematic reviews and rapid reviews. Where available, we also collected existing AMSTAR  
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11 ratings from the “health evidence” or “health systems evidence” platforms. For 68% (13/19 study  
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15 (Supplementary File S4). In non-Cochrane reviews information about methodological  
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25 CRD rapid reviews (97%) included a conflict of interest statement, whereas 40% of non-  
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27 Cochrane systematic reviews and 27% of rapid reviews lacked such a paragraph. All reviews  
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**Table 2****General characteristics of stakeholder involvement (SI) by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Non- Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Total (%) (N=120)</b>
SI mentioned in article	2 (7)	2 (7)	6 (20)	28 (93)	38 (32)
SI only mentioned in correspondence	2 (7)	4 (13)	7 (23)	0	13 (11)
<b>Total SI</b>	<b>4 (13)</b>	<b>6 (20)</b>	<b>13 (43)</b>	<b>28 (93)</b>	<b>51 (43)</b>
<b>SI per year</b>					
2011	0/5 (0)	0/1 (0)	0/3 (0)	0/0 (0)	0/9 (0)
2012	3/7 (43)	1/5 (20)	1/3 (33)	0/0 (0)	5/15 (33)
2013	0/9 (0)	0/6 (0)	3/5 (60)	9/10 (90)	12/30 (40)
2014	1/7 (14)	3/9 (30)	6/15 (40)	2/3 (67)	12/34 (35)
2015	0/2 (0)	2/9 (22)	3/4 (75)	17/17 (100)	22/32 (69)
<b>Number of stakeholders involved per review (% of SI)</b>					
1	2 (50)	2 (33)	2 (15)	0	6 (12)
2-4	1 (25)	1 (17)	4 (31)	2 (7)	8 (16)
>4	1 (25)	3 (50)	4 (31)	26 (93)	34 (67)
Unspecified	0	0	3 (23)	0	3 (6)
<b>Types of stakeholders (multiple roles possible) (% of SI)</b>					
Patients/consumers	2 (50)	0	2 (15)	5 (18)	9 (18)

Professional organisations	1 (25)	0	0	5 (18)	6 (12)
Caregivers	2 (50)	0	3 (23)	23 (82)	28 (55)
Researchers	1 (25)	3 (50)	2 (15)	0	6 (12)
Policymakers	0	3 (50)	4 (31)	3 (11)	10 (20)
Unspecified	0	0	2 (15)	4 (14)	6 (12)
<b>Funding source (% of SI)</b>					
Governmental or institutional funding	4 (100)	6 (100)	13 (100)	28 (100)	51 (100)
Funding source involved as stakeholder	0	1 (17)	2 (15)	0	3 (6)
<b>Thematic focus (% per review type per topic)</b>					
Prevention	0/11 (0)	0/5 (0)	1/4 (25)	6/7 (86)	7/27 (26)
Treatment	4/18 (22)	3/14 (21)	6/15 (40)	16/16 (100)	29/63 (46)
Health system	0/1 (0)	1/2 (50)	5/7 (71)	6/7 (86)	12/17 (71)
Community-based	0/0 (0)	2/9 (22)	1/4 (25)	0/0 (0)	3/13 (23)

CRD: databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; SR:

systematic review; RR: rapid review; SI: stakeholder involvement

Any stakeholder involvement was mentioned in 13% of Cochrane systematic reviews, 20% of non-Cochrane systematic reviews, 43% of rapid reviews and 93% of CRD rapid reviews. Except for CRD rapid reviews, where the involvement of stakeholders was routinely reported in the methods or appendix section, about half of the stakeholder involvement was reported in the articles and the other half was confirmed via email by contact authors and remained unmentioned in the reviews. With 67% the email response rate was highest for rapid reviews. When comparing the amount of stakeholder involvement in different review topics, there were notable differences: The proportion of stakeholder involvement in reviews focusing on

prevention or treatment of specific conditions was lower than in those targeting health system interventions. Interestingly, the proportion of stakeholder involvement has been quite constant between the years 2012 (5/15, 33%) and 2014 (12/34, 34%) even though the amount of rapid reviews has increased substantially (Table 2). There was, however, a remarkable increase in the proportion of stakeholder involvement for the year 2015 (22/32, 69%), but this was mostly due to the fact that a majority of CRD rapid reviews, which presented the highest proportion of stakeholder involvement, was indexed in 2015.

CRD rapid reviews turned out to have by far the highest proportion of reported stakeholder involvement. The types of stakeholders engaged were listed in the appendix of 26/30 articles, but it was not specified what they had specifically contributed to the review, e.g. if their contribution had affected the final results and conclusions of the reviews (Table 3). One author mentioned in the review that the reason for involving stakeholders was to understand the clinical perspective.

**Table 3**

**Engagement characteristics of stakeholder involvement (SI) by review type**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Non- Cochrane SR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%) (n=30)</b>	<b>Total (%) (N=120)</b>
<b>Stages of SI (multiple stages possible) (% of SI)</b>					
Research question	1 (25)	1 (17)	4 (31)	0	6 (12)
Study characteristics	0	0	6 (46)	0	6 (12)
Protocol writing	0	1 (17)	2 (15)	0	3 (6)

Review process	3 (75)	1 (17)	5 (38)	0	9 (18)
Interpretation of findings	0	1 (17)	1 (8)	0	2 (4)
Result synthesis	0	0	2 (15)	0	2 (4)
Multiple or all stages	1 (25)	2 (33)	1 (8)	28 (100)	32 (63)
Unspecified	0	2 (33)	1 (8)	0	3 (6)
<b>Reasons mentioned for SI (% of SI)</b>					
Stakeholder commissioned / requested review	0	1 (17)	4 (31)	0	5 (10)
To get consumer feedback	1 (25)	0	0	0	1 (2)
To refine research question	1 (25)	0	0	0	1 (2)
To make the review more relevant for target audience	2 (50)	0	8 (62)	0	10 (20)
To understand clinical perspective	0	1 (17)	0	1 (4)	2 (4)
Unspecified	0	4 (67)	1 (7)	27 (96)	32 (63)
<b>Effect of SI mentioned by authors (% of SI)</b>					
Substantial or positive effect	2 (50)	4 (67)	11 (85)	0	17 (33)
Negative effect	0	0	0	0	0
No effect mentioned	2 (50)	2 (33)	2 (15)	28 (100)	34 (67)
Explicit encouragement for involving stakeholders in further studies (% of reviews)	0	1 (3)	1 (3)	1 (3)	3 (2)

CRD: databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; SR:

systematic review; RR: rapid review; SI: stakeholder involvement

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15 stages, in one case the phase of involvement was not specified. In total, 85% of the authors  
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17 confirmed, that the stakeholders had significantly contributed to the review. Of these, 62%  
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21 focus on the needs of target groups, which made the review more relevant to e.g. patients or  
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56 The types of stakeholders engaged were patients, caregivers, professional organisations and  
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4 reported no significant effect on study results or conclusions. Two authors had involved  
5 stakeholders to make the review more relevant for its target audience, one author claimed that  
6 stakeholders helped him to refine the research question. One author involved stakeholders to  
7 get direct consumer feedback before publishing the review. No stakeholders were involved in  
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## 18 **DISCUSSION**

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20 The involvement of stakeholders varies by review type. Our findings suggest that rapid  
21 reviews tend to involve stakeholders more than twice as frequently than systematic reviews. On  
22 average, they also involved a greater number of stakeholders per review. In addition, we  
23 detected considerable differences in the phases in which stakeholders were involved. Rapid  
24 reviews involved them at very early stages of the review process, such as determining the  
25 intentional study characteristics or formulating the research question. Furthermore, it seemed to  
26 be much more common for policymakers, who were the most frequent group of stakeholders  
27 involved in rapid reviews, or other stakeholder groups, to substantially contribute to rapid  
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39 Of note, the majority of rapid and non-Cochrane systematic review authors reported that  
40 the involved stakeholders had positive and considerable effects on the study results, making the  
41 review more relevant for the targeted audience. However, the minority of rapid and non-  
42 Cochrane systematic review authors reporting no effect of stakeholder involvement on the  
43 review process, may illustrate that the stakeholders' contribution to non-Cochrane systematic  
44 reviews was seen as an additional and welcomed feature to the review, but not as a substantial  
45 part. This shows the importance that within and between review types an information and  
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14 One limitation of this study is the low response rate to our emails by contact authors.  
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30 Although when using a broad definition of the term "stakeholder" including everyone with  
31 a particular interest in the research topic (but who are not members of the primary research  
32 team), this term was not consistently used by contact authors. In their emails, some authors  
33 listed peer reviewers as stakeholders or one author erroneously mentioned members of the  
34 research team, who performed literature research and data extraction as stakeholders. In  
35 addition, interdisciplinary knowledge exchange is an important part of evidence-based research,  
36 but there is a difference whether experts from other fields were included as researchers in the  
37 study team or whether they were considered as stakeholders. We did not count any experts or  
38 peer reviewers as stakeholders, Furthermore, discussion is needed, whether the funding body  
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4 broader dissemination of their results and increased awareness of target groups. Although they  
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15 Although the overall proportion of stakeholder involvement has not yet increased  
16 prominently in the past few years, there have still been considerable efforts in creating  
17 standardized procedures for involving stakeholders in evidence synthesis. Keown et al.  
18 identified five opportunities in the systematic review process, where potential stakeholders could  
19 be engaged on a regular base.[143] The CRD rapid reviews included were mainly performed by  
20 Health Quality Ontario (Canada) and routinely held expert panels, including physicians,  
21 caregivers and sometimes, consumer representatives and professional organisations. The fact  
22 that they included stakeholders on a regular basis might confirm, what Keown et al [143] had  
23 already suggested: the engagement of audience members interested in or affected by the  
24 investigated topic definitively resulted in more benefits than limitations. We, therefore, suggest  
25 that future researcher involve stakeholders more broadly in the process of evidence synthesis,  
26 to increase the relevance and acceptance of the knowledge transfer. One example of an  
27 organisation ensuring that stakeholders are involved in research is the James Lind Alliance  
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## Supplementary files

**File S1. Study protocol**

**File S2. PRISMA checklist**

**File S3a. Search strategy for systematic reviews in EBSCO Medline**

**File S3b. Search strategy for rapid reviews in Embase**

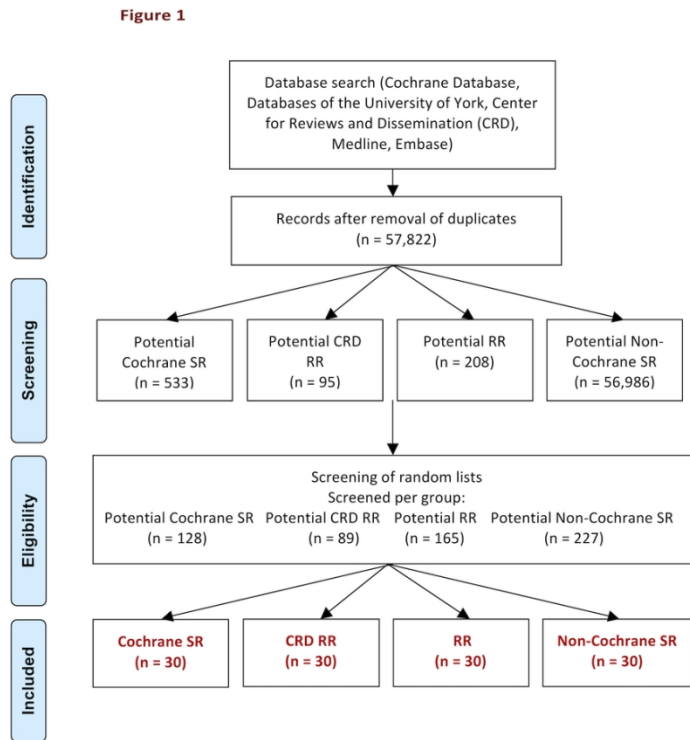
**File S4. Data extraction file: AMSTAR ratings**

**File S5. Data extraction file: Study characteristics**

**Table S1. References of excluded studies**

**Table S2. Characteristics of the study population by type of included review**

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Flow diagram of study selection.  
CRD: Databases of the University of York, Center for Reviews and Dissemination; RR: rapid review; SR: systematic review

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# Stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews of health services research

Protocol version 2

## 1. Background

### *Description of full systematic reviews (SR) and rapid reviews (RR)*

According to the Cochrane handbook (1), a traditional systematic review is a review that “attempts to collate all empirical evidence that fits pre-specified eligibility criteria in order to answer a specific research question. It uses explicit, systematic methods that are selected with a view to minimizing bias, thus providing more reliable findings from which conclusions can be drawn and decisions made”. While systematic reviews are considered to be the gold standard in knowledge synthesis, they are not without their limitations. For example, they usually require between 6 months and 2 years to complete and often focus on a narrow clinical question or set of questions. (2)

The key characteristics of a systematic review are (a) a clearly stated set of objectives with an explicit, reproducible methodology; (b) a systematic search that attempts to identify all studies that would meet the eligibility criteria; (c) an assessment of the validity of the findings of the included studies (e.g., assessment of risk of bias and confidence in cumulative estimates); and (d) systematic presentation, and synthesis, of the characteristics and findings of the included studies. (3) Systematic reviews should build on a protocol that describes the rationale, hypothesis, and planned methods of the review; few reviews report whether a protocol exists. Detailed, well-described protocols can facilitate the understanding and appraisal of the review methods, as well as the detection of modifications to methods and selective reporting in completed reviews (4).

Full systematic reviews (SR) and rapid reviews (RR) are two types of systematic reviews. They are often distinguished by the shorter time frame needed to produce a RR final report as well as by its less complex research topic (5): “Rapid reviews streamline traditional systematic review methods in order to synthesize evidence within a shortened timeframe” (6). As shown by Watt et al. RR did not have to be inherently inferior to SR despite “axiomatic differences” (7). He found that their conclusions did not differ much for similar research questions. However, SRs included methodologically more broader information, e.g. on economic evaluations or health service impact as well as more in-depth results, e.g. on clinical outcomes (8).

For SRs comprehensive guidance exists, e.g. based on the Cochrane Handbook (1). On the other hand, there is no standardized methodology for RRs and needs for at minimum increased transparency in reporting have been identified (5, 7).

R Rs were often considered to target specific policy questions or to be tailored to a mandate or to the intended end-users (7). Therefore, they are often performed to inform decision making or commissioned by health policy makers.

Description of format contents: PICO or according to PRISMA.

### ***Description of stakeholder involvement***

Stakeholders represent decision- and policy-makers and institutions responsible for the selection and implementation of health policies, HTAs, guidelines or end-users. Experts in the respective field are not considered as stakeholders except if they contribute in the policy-planning as described above. It is also known that stakeholders often represent more than one perspective. Concannon et al. described the 7Ps of stakeholders: patients and the public, providers, purchasers, payers, policy makers, product makers, principal investigators (9)

The U.S. EHC Program defined a “stakeholder” as a person or group with a vested interest in a particular clinical decision and the evidence that supports that decision, including:

- Patients, caregivers, and patient advocacy organizations
- Clinicians and their professional associations
- Institutional health care providers, such as hospital systems and medical clinics
- Government agencies
- Purchasers and payers, such as employers and public and private insurers
- Health care industry representatives
- Health care policymakers at the Federal, State and local levels
- Health care researchers and research institutions.

In general stakeholders might be engaged in evidence prioritization, e.g. proposing the title of a systematic review, setting research priorities, in evidence generation, such as performing trials and observational studies, in evidence synthesis, e.g. SR, RR, meta-analysis, in evidence integration, such as modeling, mapping gaps and evidence or cost effectiveness or in evidence dissemination and application, e.g. implementation formats or feedback assessment. Therefore, engagement of stakeholders may not only direct the targeted research topics but also influence the quality and dissemination of study results (9).

At what stages stakeholders can be involved in during the systematic review process? Cottrell et al. identified six categories where the systematic review might benefit: establishing credibility, anticipating controversy, ensuring transparency and accountability, improving relevance and enhancing quality as well as increasing dissemination and uptake of systematic review findings (10). Several challenges to involve stakeholders were determined. They include limited time and resources, skills of researcher to engage stakeholders, finding the right people, balancing multiple inputs and understanding the most appropriate time in the review process to engage different types of stakeholders (10). On the other hand, factors for successful stakeholder engagement included a-priori clarification of the expectations, the roles, types of activities, early engagement in the process, ongoing relationships to build trust and credibility, equality of different stakeholders, tentative inclusion of a trained facilitator and sensitivity to tight timelines (11).

Methods for identifying, selecting, contacting and engaging stakeholders might differ.

Furthermore, characteristics of stakeholders themselves are important, e.g. their intensity and modes of engagement may vary according to their interests and expectations, their roles and

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8 Of all phases of the systematic review, the topic refinement and developing the key questions  
9 was repeatedly identified as the point where stakeholder engagement yielded the greatest  
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### 14 ***Definition of health services research***

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### 19 ***Relevance of this study***

20 Systematic reviews may benefit from involving stakeholders, but less is known about the  
21 practice, e.g. the proportion of involved stakeholders in recently published SRs and RRs and  
22 their type(s) and benefits of engagement in the process of a SR or RR. This information is  
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## 29 **2. Objectives**

30 Our aims are to assess, reflect and compare the current international practice of involving  
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## 37 **3. Methods**

### 38 ***Sample size considerations***

39 Sample size considerations are guided by practical reasons and resources available. As the  
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41 difference of the two proportions reporting stakeholder involvement. We consider a proportion  
42 of 0.70 for RRs and of 0.25 for SRs. This results in a minimal expected difference of 0.45.  
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47 Two groups with N=25 per group show an estimated power of 0.88 and an alpha of 0.023.

48 To account for potential subgroup analysis, we include a sample of N=30 systematic reviews per  
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### 59 ***Groups to be studied ("study population")***

60 *Full systematic reviews:*

Two groups will be studied:

1. Full systematic reviews in general: self-declaration as SR within the title or Methods section of the article or registration as such in the databases searched.
2. Cochrane systematic reviews: SRs are performed according to the Cochrane handbook (1). They are registered, supervised and released within a Cochrane Review Group. They represent the gold standard.

These two groups are selected as they are expected to differ with respect to their transparency of conduct and quality assessment.

#### *Rapid reviews:*

Rapid reviews articles will be identified on the basis of the respective self-declaration within the title, Methods section of the abstract or registration as such in the databases searched.

As there is heterogeneity regarding methodology, different terms might be used, e.g. rapid review, rapid method, rapid evidence, rapid synthesis or evidence summary.

#### *Inclusion criteria:*

- titled as systematic review or rapid review or reported as such in the objective or method section of the abstract, respectively, or registered as such in the database searched
- studies including rapid review methodology as one part of the overall study
- published between January, 2011 and December, 2015 (it is most crucial to be sure to include sufficient RRs)
- targeting a health services research topic as included in the title or abstract of the article based on the definition provided in Appendix 1

#### *Exclusion criteria:*

- designed to assess exclusively economic or cost analysis as described in the title or abstract
- performing a review or overview of reviews
- describing a protocol of a systematic review
- efficacy studies, clinical trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, economic analyses, non-human studies, establishment of databases or registries
- unclear design or description of the intervention

The inclusion and exclusion criteria are presented in Appendix 2.

#### ***Targeted stakeholders***

We will assess any kind of stakeholder involvement. In addition we will record the following groups of stakeholders:

- Institutional health care providers, such as hospitals and community services

- Government agencies
- Health care policymakers at the Federal, State and local levels

## 4. Outcomes

### *Primary outcomes:*

- to assess any kind of stakeholder involvement: yes or no
- to assess type(s) of stakeholders involved, e.g. decision- or policy-maker, experts involved in policy-planning, such as institutional health care providers or community services
- to determine phase(s)-related contribution(s) of stakeholders, e.g. developing the research question, literature search, study relevance (quality assessment), formulating or judging recommendations etc.

in recently published SRs and RRs.

### *Secondary outcomes:*

- to evaluate some potential predictors: type and topic of included studies, study population, setting (individual, population group, population, policy) and overall quality score
- to assess reported adverse effects or barriers of stakeholder involvement
- to verify stakeholder involvement
- to report publication issues, such as presence of a review protocol, institutional background of the authors, e.g. specialized in evidence synthesis, year of publication, stakeholder included as key word, dissemination information

## 5. Data collection

### *Databases to be searched:*

- The following databases will be searched:  
Biomedical/Health: Ovid Medline, Embase. Within the search strategy Cochrane SRs will be excluded.
- Cochrane library (for Cochrane SRs) and Cochrane additional databases (for RRs, e.g. DARE reviews, named as CD RR)

The search strategy will be presented in Appendix 1.

### *Selection of studies*

Following the searches in the targeted databases all results of the corresponding systematic review type (SR, RR, Cochrane SR, CD RR) will be pooled and duplicates excluded. These lists will be ordered randomly using the statistical program package R and will be exported to an excel file. The resulting lists will enter the study screening.

### ***Screening of studies***

In consecutive order, the randomly ordered references of each group of systematic reviews (SR, RR, Cochrane) will be checked for the general information and the inclusion and exclusion criteria (Appendix 2) until a total of 30 studies are included for each group.

One review authors (JF) will independently screen titles and abstracts for general information, inclusion and exclusion, cross-checked by MM. Inconsistencies or disagreement will be resolved through discussion and with consultation of another review author (MP) where necessary. The process of study selection will be carefully recorded in order to complete the PRISMA-flow diagram.

### ***Data extraction and management***

We will use a data collection form for study characteristics and outcome data which has been piloted on two reviews, one SR and one RR. One author, JF, performs full text extraction, supervised and spot-checked by a second researcher, MM. Within the full text article every step of the review will be checked for stakeholder involvement. We will resolve disagreements by consensus or by involving a third review author (MP).

Regarding Cochrane SRs, the protocol (and not the full text article) will be checked for stakeholder involvement as the protocol is relevant for performing the SR.

In addition to the screening form in Appendix 2 we will extract the following data:

- Institution performing the systematic review and contact details of the corresponding author
- Specific topic and intervention within the field of health services research
- Setting: population, population group, individual, policy; major characteristics of the population (overall N, age range or groups, sex)
- Funding for systematic review and notable conflicts of interest of authors
- Stakeholder involvement: any, number, type(s) and phase(s) of involvement, mentioned as key word
- Methodological quality assessment using the AMSTAR tool

All data will enter an Excel file.

To confirm the presented stakeholder involvement and to ask for reasons, whether benefits of stakeholder involvement were measured and about dissemination, the contact author of the included articles will be contacted by emails with pre-formulated questions. It will be indicated that this information will be used for a publication but only summarized and anonymously.

Contact authors will be sent one reminder in case of missing responses.

If feasible, two experts in the field will be contacted to review and comment this protocol and to contribute to the final article in order to ensure generalizability and transparency.

We will conduct this study according to this protocol and report deviations from it in the 'Differences between protocol and review' section.

### Potential for bias conducting this overview

- selection bias, e.g. regarding year of publication, no search for grey literature
- reporting bias, e.g. incomplete reporting, no study protocol

## 6. Data analysis

There will be a narrative description of the synthesis.

We will assess the overall proportion of stakeholder involvement as well as within subgroups and according to the outcomes described. We will compare the proportion of stakeholders involved between groups using the non-parametric Wilcoxon rank sum test.

The results of the AMSTAR assessment will be entered as a score.

### Differences between protocol and review

Will be listed if applicable.

### Conflicts of interest

None.

### Sources of support and funding

Involved authors: Jonas Feldmann (JF), Margot Mutsch (MM), Milo Alan Puhan (MP)

Internal sources

- Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute, University of Zurich, Zurich Switzerland

This is the host institution for the majority of the authors.

This work is part of the Master thesis of Jonas Feldmann.

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## Appendix 1: Definition of health services research and search strategy (Ovid Medline)

### *Search strategy*

#### **Systematic reviews:**

- Cochrane Database: "systematic review" (title or abstract)
- Ovid Medline and Embase: "systematic review" (ti, ab), excluding "Cochrane" in title or abstract.
- No language restriction
- Published between January, 2011 and December, 2015

#### **Rapid reviews:**

- Terms: "rapid systematic review", "rapid review", "rapid evidence assessment" or "rapid health technology assessment" in title or abstract
- No language restriction
- Published between January, 2011 and December, 2015

### *Definition of health services research*

#### **No longer available:**

**Fields of health services research as defined by the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMW)** (<http://www.samw.ch/de/Forschung/Versorgungsforschung/Kriterien.html>):

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[www.bundesaerztekammer.de/page.asp?his=0.6.3289.3293.3295&all=true](http://www.bundesaerztekammer.de/page.asp?his=0.6.3289.3293.3295&all=true)

#### **Replaced by:**

Lohr KN, Steinwachs DM. Health services research: an evolving definition of the field. *Health Serv Res.* 2002;37(1):7-9. PubMed PMID: 11949927:

"Health services research is the multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that studies how social factors, financing systems, organizational structures and processes, health technologies, and personal behaviors affect access to health care, the quality and cost of health care, and ultimately, our health and well-being. Its research domains are individuals, families, organizations, institutions, communities, and populations."

Health Technology Assessments (HTAs) targeting effectiveness as well as meta-analyses and systematic reviews for effectiveness and utility, pharmaceutical trials under everyday conditions, basic research in care-related fields, quality research, methodological developments in the field of health services research, the development and application of new technologies (e-health) and the implementation of knowledge into the clinical practice were included. We excluded studies that focused exclusively on economic or cost analyses, performed a narrative review, an overview of reviews or a protocol of a systematic review. Efficacy studies without assessing the quality of life, clinical efficacy trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, non-human studies, establishment of databases or registries, studies with unclear design or description of the intervention were also excluded.

## Appendix 2: Screening of general information and check for inclusion and exclusion

### General information

Study ID:	Report ID:	Data form completed:
First author:	Year of study:	Version number:
Citation:		Data extractor:
Publication type (specify):		

### Inclusion and exclusion criteria

#### A) For full systematic reviews

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article titled as systematic review or designed as such in the method section of the abstract or registered as such within the database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

**To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.**

Exclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled?	
	Yes	No
Does the article investigate efficacy or describes clinical trials phases I to III, epidemiological studies to assess determinants or risk factors, non-human studies or the establishment of databases or registries as described in the title or the objective or methods section of the abstract?		
Does the article exclusively describe an economic assessment or cost analysis in the title or abstract?		
Does the article describe an overview or review of reviews within the title or abstract?		
Does the article describe a protocol of a systematic review?		

Is the design or the intervention of the article unclear?		
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**To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with No.**

### B) For rapid reviews

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article titled as rapid review, rapid method or rapid synthesis or designed as such in the method section of the abstract or registered as such within the database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

**To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.**

The exclusion criteria are the same as described in A).

### C) For Cochrane systematic reviews

Inclusion criteria:	Criteria fulfilled? Please tick.	
	Yes	No
Is the article registered and published as Cochrane systematic review within the Cochrane database?		
Is the article published (at least online) between January, 2010 and August, 2015?		
Does the article investigate a health services research topic as defined by the SAMW and presented in the title or abstract?		
Does the article assess an intervention to reduce a condition as presented in the title or abstract?		

**To be included, all questions in the above table have to be answered with Yes.**

The exclusion criteria are the same as described in A).

## Appendix 3: Data extraction for full text assessment

### Variables to be assessed (excel file):

- Study type (Cochrane SR, SR, RR, CD RR), Study ID, Report ID
- First study author, contact details of corresponding author, country, mail contact
- Reference citation
- Year of study (publication), version (update or first review)
- Initials of data extractor, initials of people who cross-checked extraction
- Study protocol mentioned, PRISMA checklist used
- Specific review topic, thematic focus, type of intervention, setting
- Study population: size, type, age range of participants included, sex
- Funding source, Conflict of interest statement
- Stakeholder involvement (SI): SI mentioned, SI as key word, number of stakeholders involved, types, stages involved, reasons for SI mentioned, effects of SI mentioned,
- Amstar rating, comparison of rating (Health evidence/health system evidence)

### AMSTAR – a measurement tool to assess the methodological quality of systematic reviews.

#### 1. Was an 'a priori' design provided?

The research question and inclusion criteria should be established before the conduct of the review.

*Note: Need to refer to a protocol, ethics approval, or pre-determined/a priori published research objectives to score a "yes."*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 2. Was there duplicate study selection and data extraction?

There should be at least two independent data extractors and a consensus procedure for disagreements should be in place.

*Note: 2 people do study selection, 2 people do data extraction, consensus process or one person checks the other's work.*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 3. Was a comprehensive literature search performed?

At least two electronic sources should be searched. The report must include years and databases used (e.g., Central, EMBASE, and MEDLINE). Key words and/or MESH terms must be stated and where feasible the search strategy should be provided. All searches should be supplemented by consulting current contents, reviews, textbooks, specialized registers, or experts in the particular field of study, and by reviewing the references in the studies found.

*Note: If at least 2 sources + one supplementary strategy used, select "yes" (Cochrane register/Central counts as 2 sources; a grey literature search counts as supplementary).*

- Yes
- No
- Can't answer
- Not applicable

#### 4. Was the status of publication (i.e. grey literature) used as an inclusion criterion?

The authors should state that they searched for reports regardless of their publication type. The authors should state whether or not they excluded any reports (from the systematic review), based on their publication status, language etc.

*Note: If review indicates that there was a search for "grey literature" or "unpublished literature," indicate "yes." SIGLE database, dissertations, conference proceedings, and*

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3 *trial registries are all considered grey for this purpose. If searching a source that contains*  
4 *both grey and non-grey, must specify that they were searching for grey/unpublished lit.*

- 5  Yes  
6  No  
7  Can't answer  
8  Not applicable

9 **5. Was a list of studies (included and excluded) provided?**

10 A list of included and excluded studies should be provided.

11 *Note: Acceptable if the excluded studies are referenced. If there is an electronic link to*  
12 *the list but the link is dead, select "no."*

- 13  Yes  
14  No  
15  Can't answer  
16  Not applicable

17 **6. Were the characteristics of the included studies provided?**

18 In an aggregated form such as a table, data from the original studies should be provided  
19 on the participants, interventions and outcomes. The ranges of characteristics in all the  
20 studies analyzed e.g., age, race, sex, relevant socioeconomic data, disease status,  
21 duration, severity, or other diseases should be reported.

22 *Note: Acceptable if not in table format as long as they are described as above.*

- 23  Yes  
24  No  
25  Can't answer  
26  Not applicable

27 **7. Was the scientific quality of the included studies assessed and documented?**

28 'A priori' methods of assessment should be provided (e.g., for effectiveness studies if the  
29 author(s) chose to include only randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled studies, or  
30 allocation concealment as inclusion criteria); for other types of studies alternative items  
31 will be relevant.

32 *Note: Can include use of a quality scoring tool or checklist, e.g., Jadad scale, risk of bias,*  
33 *sensitivity analysis, etc., or a description of quality items, with some kind of result for*  
34 *EACH study ("low" or "high" is fine, as long as it is clear which studies scored "low" and*  
35 *which scored "high"; a summary score/range for all studies is not acceptable).*

- 36  Yes  
37  No  
38  Can't answer  
39  Not applicable

40 **8. Was the scientific quality of the included studies used appropriately in**  
41 **formulating conclusions?**

42 The results of the methodological rigor and scientific quality should be considered in the  
43 analysis and the conclusions of the review, and explicitly stated in formulating  
44 recommendations.

45 *Note: Might say something such as "the results should be interpreted with caution due to*  
46 *poor quality of included studies." Cannot score "yes" for this question if scored "no" for*  
47 *question 7.*

- 48  Yes  
49  No  
50  Can't answer  
51  Not applicable

52 **9. Were the methods used to combine the findings of studies appropriate?**

53 For the pooled results, a test should be done to ensure the studies were combinable, to  
54 assess their homogeneity (i.e., Chi-squared test for homogeneity, I<sup>2</sup>). If heterogeneity  
55 exists a random effects model should be used and/or the clinical appropriateness of  
56 combining should be taken into consideration (i.e., is it sensible to combine?).

57 *Note: Indicate "yes" if they mention or describe heterogeneity, i.e., if they explain that*  
58 *they cannot pool because of heterogeneity/variability between interventions.*

- 59  Yes  
60  No  
61  Can't answer  
62  Not applicable

63 **10. Was the likelihood of publication bias assessed?**

64 An assessment of publication bias should include a combination of graphical aids (e.g.,  
65 funnel plot, other available tests) and/or statistical tests (e.g., Egger regression test,  
66 Hedges-Olken).

67 *Note: If no test values or funnel plot included, score "no". Score "yes" if mentions that*

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3 *publication bias could not be assessed because there were fewer than 10 included*  
4 *studies.*

- 5  Yes  
6  No  
7  Can't answer  
8  Not applicable

9 **11. Was the conflict of interest included?**

10 Potential sources of support should be clearly acknowledged in both the systematic  
11 review and the included studies.

12 *Note: To get a "yes," must indicate source of funding or support for the systematic*  
13 *review AND for each of the included studies.*

- 14  Yes  
15  No  
16  Can't answer  
17  Not applicable

18 *Shea et al. BMC Medical Research Methodology 2007 7:10 doi:10.1186/1471-2288-7-10*  
19 *Additional notes (in italics) made by Michelle Weir, Julia Worswick, and Carolyn Wayne based on*  
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Title	1	Identify the report as a (systematic) <b>methodological</b> review, meta-analysis, or both.	1
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Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary including, as applicable: background; objectives; data sources; study eligibility criteria, participants, and interventions; study appraisal and synthesis methods; results; limitations; conclusions and implications of key findings; systematic review registration number ( <b>not applicable</b> ).	2
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	5
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS). <b>Methodological assessment, no intervention</b>	5-6
<b>METHODS</b>			
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Eligibility criteria	6	Specify study characteristics (e.g., PICOS, length of follow-up) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) used as criteria for eligibility, giving rationale.	7-8
Information sources	7	Describe all information sources (e.g., databases with dates of coverage, contact with study authors to identify additional studies) in the search and date last searched.	6-7
Search	8	Present full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	Suppl. File S3a and 3b
Study selection	9	State the process for selecting studies (i.e., screening, eligibility, included in systematic review, and, if applicable, included in the meta-analysis).	7-8
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Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought (e.g., PICOS, funding sources) and any assumptions and simplifications made.	8-9
Risk of bias in individual studies	12	Describe methods used for assessing risk of bias of individual studies (including specification of whether this was done at the study or outcome level), and how this information is to be used in any data synthesis.	n/a AMSTAR for



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			methodological quality
Summary measures	13	State the principal summary measures (e.g., risk ratio, difference in means).	Stakeholder involvement per review type in %
Synthesis of results	14	Describe the methods of handling data and combining results of studies, if done, including measures of consistency (e.g., $I^2$ ) for each meta-analysis.	No meta-analysis

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Additional analyses	16	Describe methods of additional analyses (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression), if done, indicating which were pre-specified.	Not applicable
<b>RESULTS</b>			
Study selection	17	Give numbers of studies screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, with reasons for exclusions at each stage, ideally with a flow diagram.	Figure 1
Study characteristics	18	For each study, present characteristics for which data were extracted (e.g., study size, PICO, follow-up period) and provide the citations.	Supplementary File S4 (part, AMSTAR)
Risk of bias within studies	19	Present data on risk of bias of each study and, if available, any outcome level assessment (see item 12).	AMSTAR (methodological characteristics)
Results of individual studies	20	For all outcomes considered (benefits or harms), present, for each study: (a) simple summary data for each intervention group (b) effect estimates and confidence intervals, ideally with a forest plot.	Not applicable
Synthesis of results	21	Present results of each meta-analysis done, including confidence intervals and measures of consistency.	Not applicable
Risk of bias across studies	22	Present results of any assessment of risk of bias across studies (see Item 15).	
Additional analysis	23	Give results of additional analyses, if done (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression [see Item 16]). <small>For peer review only - <a href="http://bmjopen.bmj.com/site/about/guidelines.xhtml">http://bmjopen.bmj.com/site/about/guidelines.xhtml</a></small>	Not applicable





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<b>DISCUSSION</b>			
Summary of evidence	24	Summarize the main findings including the strength of evidence for each main outcome; consider their relevance to key groups (e.g., healthcare providers, users, and policy makers).	19-20
Limitations	25	Discuss limitations at study and outcome level (e.g., risk of bias), and at review-level (e.g., incomplete retrieval of identified research, reporting bias).	19-22
Conclusions	26	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence, and implications for future research.	23
<b>FUNDING</b>			
Funding	27	Describe sources of funding for the systematic review and other support (e.g., supply of data, role of funders for the systematic review).	23

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AB "systematic review" OR TI "systematic review"	Limiters - Date of Publication: 20110101- 20151231 Search modes - Find all my search terms	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - MEDLINE	42,718

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#13	'rapid systematic review' OR 'rapid review' OR 'rapid evidence assessment' OR 'rapid health technology assessment' OR 'rapid assessment':ab,ti AND [2011-2015]/py	1,343
#12	'rapid systematic review' OR 'rapid review' OR 'rapid evidence assessment' OR 'rapid health technology assessment':ab,ti AND [2011-2015]/py	188
#11	'rapid systematic review' OR 'rapid review' OR 'rapid evidence assessment' OR 'rapid health technology assessment' OR 'brief review':ab,ti AND [2011-2015]/py	3,710
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#8	'rapid assessment' OR 'rapid systematic review' OR 'rapid review' OR 'rapid evidence assessment' OR 'rapid evidence' OR 'rapid synthesis' OR 'rapid health technology assessment' OR 'evidence brief' OR 'evidence summary' OR 'brief review':ab,ti AND [2011-2015]/py	5,372
#7	'rapid assessment' OR 'rapid systematic review' OR 'rapid review' OR 'rapid evidence assessment' OR 'rapid method' OR 'rapid evidence' OR 'rapid synthesis' OR 'rapid health technology assessment' OR 'evidence brief' OR 'evidence summary' OR 'brief review':ab,ti AND [2011-2015]/py	7,285
#6	rapid AND (assessment OR 'systematic review'/exp OR 'evidence assessment' OR 'health technology assessment' OR 'method'/exp OR method OR 'review'/exp OR review OR evidence OR 'synthesis'/exp OR synthesis) OR 'brief review' OR 'evidence brief' OR 'evidence summary':ab,ti AND [embase]/lim AND [2011-2015]/py	143,957



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**Characteristics of stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews: Data extraction: AMSTAR ratings**

Type (SR, RR, ID CRD RR)	Study ID	Year of study	Citation	AMSTAR assessment			
				Review protocol	A priori design provided?	Was there duplicate study selection and data extraction? (at least two independent data extractors and consensus procedure)	Comprehensive literature search performed? (at least two electronic sources, reports must include years and databases used)
<b>Cochrane systematic reviews</b>							
CSR	101	2012	Olsen O, Clausen JA. Planned hospital birth versus planned home birth. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD000352. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000352.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	102	2013	Moi JHY, Sriranganathan MK, Edwards CJ, Buchbinder R. Lifestyle interventions for acute gout. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD010519. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010519.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	103	2011	Thomas RE, Lorenzetti D, Spragins W. Mentoring adolescents to prevent drug and alcohol use. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD007381. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007381.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	104	2012	Garrison SR, Allan GM, Sekhon RK, Musini VM, Khan KM. Magnesium for skeletal muscle cramps. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD009402. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009402.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	105	2012	Tejani AM, Wasdell M, Spiwak R, Rowell G, Nathwani S. Carnitine for fatigue in multiple sclerosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD007280. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007280.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	106	2013	Taylor F, Huffman MD, Macedo AF, Moore THM, Burke M, Davey Smith G, Ward K, Ebrahim S. Statins for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD004816. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004816.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	107	2013	Jorge EC, Jorge EN, El Dib RP. Early light reduction for preventing retinopathy of prematurity in very low birth weight infants. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD000122. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000122.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	108	2012	Jin H, Leng Q, Li C. Dietary flavonoid for preventing colorectal neoplasms. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD009350. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009350.pub2.	yes	1	1	1

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Status of publication used as inclusion criterion? (search for grey or unpublished literature?)	List of studies provided? (excluded studies referenced?)	Characteristics of included studies provided?	Scientific quality of included studies assessed and documented? (methods provided)	Scientific quality of included studies used appropriately in formulating conclusions?	Methods used to combine findings of studies appropriate? (mentions or describes heterogeneity?)	Likelihood of publication bias assessed? (graphical aids and/or statistical tests)	Conflict of interest included?	Final score	Grouping of scores (strong: ≥8=2; moderate: 4-7=1; weak)	health evidence / health systems evidence platforms
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CSR	109	2014	Karmali KN, Davies P, Taylor F, Beswick A, Martin N, Ebrahim S. Promoting patient uptake and adherence in cardiac rehabilitation. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD007131. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007131.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	110	2014	Bjelakovic G, Gluud LL, Nikolova D, Whitfield K, Krstic G, Wetterslev J, Gluud C. Vitamin D supplementation for prevention of cancer in adults. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD007469. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007469.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	111	2014	Carney T, Myers BJ, Louw J, Okwundu CI. Brief school-based interventions and behavioural outcomes for substance-using adolescents. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD008969. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008969.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	112	2013	Taylor MJ, Rudkin L, Bullemor-Day P, Lubin J, Chukwujekwu C, Hawton K. Strategies for managing sexual dysfunction induced by antidepressant medication. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD003382. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003382.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	113	2012	Fonner VA, Denison J, Kennedy CE, O'Reilly K, Sweat M. Voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) for changing HIV-related risk behavior in developing countries. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD001224. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD001224.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	114	2012	Shields L, Zhou H, Pratt J, Taylor M, Hunter J, Pascoe E. Family-centred care for hospitalised children aged 0-12 years. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 10. Art. No.: CD004811. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004811.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	115	2014	Nava F, Ghilotti F, Maggi L, Hatemi G, Del Bianco A, Merlo C, Filippini G, Tramacere I. Biologics, colchicine, corticosteroids, immunosuppressants and interferon-alpha for Neuro-Behçet's Syndrome. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD009103. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009103.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	116	2013	Njei B, Kongnyuy EJ, Kumar S, Okwen MP, Sankar MJ, Mbuagbaw L. Optimal timing for antiretroviral therapy initiation in patients with HIV infection and concurrent cryptococcal meningitis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD007796. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007796.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	117	2014	Lager KE, Mistri AK, Khunti K, Haunton VJ, Sett AK, Wilson AD. Interventions for improving modifiable risk factor control in the secondary prevention of stroke. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009103. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009103.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	118	2013	Chen W, Zhang Y, Li X, Yang G, Liu JP. Chinese herbal medicine for diabetic peripheral neuropathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 10. Art. No.: CD007796. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007796.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	119	2011	Fede G, Germani G, Gluud C, Gurusamy KS, Burroughs AK. Propylthiouracil for alcoholic liver disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD002800. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD002800.pub3.	yes	1	1	1

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CSR	120	2012	Jefferson T, Rivetti A, Di Pietrantonj C, Demicheli V, Ferroni E. Vaccines for preventing influenza in healthy children. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD004879. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004879.pub4.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	121	2011	Akl EA, Oxman AD, Herrin J, Vist GE, Terrenato I, Sperati F, Costiniuk C, Blank D, Schünemann H. Framing of health information messages. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD006777. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006777.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	122	2011	Smart NA, Marshall BJ, Daley M, Boulos E, Windus J, Baker N, Kwok N. Low-fat diets for acquired hypercholesterolaemia. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD007957. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007957.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	123	2011	Cheuk DKL, Chiang AKS, Lee TL, Chan GCF, Ha SY. Vaccines for prophylaxis of viral infections in patients with hematological malignancies. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD006505. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006505.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	124	2015	Kwong JSW, Lau HLC, Yeung F, Chau PH. Yoga for secondary prevention of coronary heart disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 7. Art. No.: CD009506. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009506.pub4.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	125	2015	Overdevest GM, Jacobs W, Vleggeert-Lankamp C, Thomé C, Gunzburg R, Peul W. Effectiveness of posterior decompression techniques compared with conventional laminectomy for lumbar stenosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD0	yes	1	1	1
CSR	126	2014	Martí-Carvajal AJ, Knight-Madden JM, Martínez-Zapata MJ. Interventions for treating leg ulcers in people with sickle cell disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD008394. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008394.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	127	2014	Junker AE, Als-Nielsen B, Gluud C, Gluud LL. Dopamine agents for hepatic encephalopathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD003047. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003047.pub3.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	128	2013	Peckham EJ, Nelson EA, Greenhalgh J, Cooper K, Roberts ER, Agrawal A. Homeopathy for treatment of irritable bowel syndrome. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD009710. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009710.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	129	2013	Okwundu CI, Nagpal S, Musekiwa A, Sinclair D. Home- or community-based programmes for treating malaria. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009527. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009527.pub2.	yes	1	1	1
CSR	130	2013	Rahimi-Movaghar A, Amin-Esmaili M, Hefazi M, Yousefi-Nooraie R. Pharmacological therapies for maintenance treatments of opium dependence. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD007775. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007775.pub2.	yes	1	1	1

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SR	131	2015	Rush CJ, Campbell RT, Jhund PS, et al. Falling cardiovascular mortality in heart failure with reduced ejection fraction and implications for clinical trials. <i>JACC Heart Fail.</i> 2015;3(8):603–14.	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	132	2015	Foersch M, Jacobs C, Wriedt S, Hechtner M, Wehrbein H. Effectiveness of maxillary protraction using facemask with or without maxillary expansion: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Clinical Oral Investigations</i> [serial online]. July 2015;19(6):1181-119	yes	1	1	1
SR	133	2015	Sipe TA, Finnie RKC, Knopf JA, et al. Effects of mental health benefits legislation: A Community Guide systematic review. <i>Am J Prev Med.</i> 2015;48(6):755–766.	yes	1	1	1
SR	134	2013	A.A. Ahmed, E. Alsharief, A. Alsharief, Intensive versus conventional glycemc control: what is best for patients with type 2 diabetes? <i>Diabetes Metab Syndr</i> , 7 (2013), pp. 48–51	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	135	2012	M. Panagioti, P.A. Gooding, N. Tarrier A meta-analysis of the association between posttraumatic stress disorder and suicidality: the role of comorbid depression; <i>Compr. Psychiatry</i> , 53 (2012), pp. 915–930	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	136	2015	Z. Wang Age-dependent decline of association between obesity and mortality: a systematic review and meta-analysis <i>Obes Res Clin Pract</i> , 9 (2015), pp. 1–11	yes	1	1	1
SR	137	2015	E. Rolka A systematic review of music and dyslexia, <i>The Arts in Psychotherapy</i> , 46 (2015), pp 24-32	no	1	1	1
SR	138	2011	Wu S, Cohen D, Shi Y, Pearson M, Sturm R. Economic analysis of physical activity interventions. <i>Am J Prev Med.</i> 2011;40(2):149–58.	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	139	2012	Rodgers M, Asaria M, Walker S, McMillan D, Luccock M, Harden M, et al. The clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of low-intensity psychological interventions for the secondary prevention of relapse after depression: a systematic review. <i>Health Techn</i>	yes	1	1	1
SR	140	2015	Chien T-J, Liu C-Y, Chang Y-F, Fang C-J, Hsu C-H. Acupuncture for Treating Aromatase Inhibitor-Related Arthralgia in Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. <i>Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine.</i> 2015;21(5):251-260. doi:10.1089/acm.2014.0083.	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	141	2013	Int J Integr Care 2013; Jul-Sep; URN:NBN:NL:UL:10-1-114740 , Community services' involvement in the discharge of older adults from hospital into the community,	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	142	2012	Johantgen M, Fountain L, Zangaro G, Newhouse R, Stanik-Hutt J, White K. Comparison of labor and delivery care provided by certified nurse-midwives and physicians: a systematic review, 1990 to 2008. <i>Womens Health Issues Off Publ Jacobs Inst Womens Health.</i> 2012;22:e73–e81. doi: 10.1016/j.whi.2011.06.005.	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	143	2015	Rozet, F., Bastide, C., Beuzeboc, P., Cormier, L., Fromont, G., Hennequin, C., Soulié, A6:1134 (2015). [Management of low-risk prostate cancer]. <i>Progrès En Urologie : Journal de l'Association Française d'urologie et de La Société Française d'urologie</i> , 25(1), 1–10. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.purol.2014.10.007">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.purol.2014.10.007</a>	none mentioned	1	0	0

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6	SR	144	2014	134 Issue: 2 Pages: 325-337 Published: AUG 2014 DOI	yes	1	1	1	
7				<a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1542/peds">http://dx.doi.org/10.1542/peds</a> .					
8				Albrecht B, Staiger PK, Hall K, et al. (2014) Benzodiazepine use and aggressive					
9	SR	145	2014	behaviour: A systematic review. Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry 48:	yes	1	1	1	
10				1096–1114. doi: 10.1177/0004867414548902					
11				Te Morenga Lisa, Mallard Simonette, Mann Jim. Dietary sugars and body weight:					
12	SR	146	2012	systematic review and meta-analyses of randomised controlled trials and cohort studies	yes	1	1	1	
13				BMJ 2013; 346 :e7492 doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmj.e7492">http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmj.e7492</a>					
14				Jeannette A. C. Lankhaar, Wouter R. de Vries, Jaap A. C. G. Jansen, Pierre M. J.					
15	SR	147	2014	Zelissen & Frank J. G. Backx (2014) Impact of Overt and Subclinical Hypothyroidism	none	1	1	1	
16				on Exercise Tolerance: A Systematic Review, Research Quarterly for Exercise and	mentioned				
17				Sport, 85:3, 365-389, DOI: 10.1080/02701367.2014.930405					
18				Vanessa Siffredi , Vicki Anderson , Richard J. Leventer & Megan M. Spencer- Smith					
19	SR	148	2013	(2013) Neuropsychological Profile of Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum: A Systematic	none	1	1	1	
20				Review, Developmental Neuropsychology, 38:1, 36-57, DOI:	mentioned				
21				10.1080/87565641.2012.721421					
22				Llewellyn, A., Simmonds, M., Owen, C. G., and Woolacott, N. (2015) Childhood obesity					
23	SR	149	2015	as a predictor of morbidity in adulthood: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Obes	yes	1	0	1	
24				Rev, 17: 56–67. doi: 10.1111/obr.12316.					
25				Matsuda, A., Yamaoka, K., Tango, T., Matsuda, T., Nishimoto, H. (2014). Effectiveness					
26	SR	150	2014	of psychoeducational support on quality of life in early-stage breast cancer patients: A	none	1	1	1	
27				systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. Qual Life R	mentioned				
28				A. Bak, J. Browne, H. P. Loveday and A. Tsiami (2013). Systematic review of					
29	SR	151	2013	nutritional interventions to prevent healthcare-associated infections in undernourished	yes	1	0	1	
30				elderly. Proceedings of the Nutrition Society, 72, E212					
31				doi:10.1017/S0029665113002371.					
32				L. Bourke, K. E. Homer, M. A. Thaha, L. Steed, D. J. Rosario, K. A. Robb, J. M.					
33	SR	152	2014	Saxton and S. J. C. Taylor Interventions to improve exercise behaviour in sedentary	yes	1	1	1	
34				people living with and beyond cancer: A systematic review British Journal of Cancer					
35				(2014)					
36				BRAY, James et al. Effectiveness of parent-centred interventions [etc]. JBI Library of					
37	SR	153	2013	Systematic Reviews, [S.I.], v. 8, n. 16 Suppl, p. S34 - 45, jul. 2010. ISSN 1838-2142.	yes	1	1	0	
38				<a href="http://www.joannabriggslibrary.org/jbilibrary/index.php/jbisrir/article/view/571/">http://www.joannabriggslibrary.org/jbilibrary/index.php/jbisrir/article/view/571/</a>					
39				Tricco AC, Antony J, Khan PA, et al. Safety and effectiveness of dipeptidyl peptidase-					
40	SR	154	2014	4 inhibitors versus intermediate-acting insulin or placebo for patients with type 2	yes	1	1	1	
41				diabetes failing two oral antihyperglycaemic agents: a systematic review and network					
42				meta-analysis. BMJ Open 2014;4:e005752. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2014-005752					

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SR	155	2012	Agarwal R, Goldenberg M, Perry R, Ishak WW. The Quality of Life of Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: A Systematic Review. Innovations in Clinical Neuroscience. 2012;9(5-6):10-21.	no	1	0	1
SR	156	2013	Ian C. Scott, Rachael Tan, Daniel Stahl, Sophia Steer, Cathryn M. Lewis, and Andrew P. Cope The protective effect of alcohol on developing rheumatoid arthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis Rheumatology (2013) 52 (5): 856-867 first published onli	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	157	2014	Hu MB, Xu H, Bai PD, et al. Obesity has multifaceted impact on biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer: a dose-response meta-analysis of 36,927 patients. Med Oncol 2014; 31:829. DOI: 10.1007/s12032-013-0829-8	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	158	2014	Blasco, M.A., Redleaf, M.I., 2014. Cochlear implantation in unilateral sudden deafness improves tinnitus and speech comprehension: meta-analysis and systematic review. Otol. Neurotol. 35 (8), 1426-1432. DOI: 10.1097/MAO.0000000000000431	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	159	2014	Vasconcellos, Fabricio; Seabra, Andre; Katzmarzyk, Peter T.; et al., Physical Activity in Overweight and Obese Adolescents: Systematic Review of the Effects on Physical Fitness Components and Cardiovascular Risk Factors SPORTS MEDICINE Volume: 44 Issue: 8 Pages: 1139-1152 Published: AUG 2014	none mentioned	1	1	1
SR	160	2015	Gibbs et al., 2014, M. Gibbs, C. Winsper, S. Marwaha, E. Gilbert, M. Broome, S.P. Singh, Cannabis use and mania symptoms: a systematic review and meta-analysis J. Affect. Disord., 171C (2014), pp. 39–47, doi:10.1016/j.jad.2014.09.016	yes	1	1	1

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RR	161	2015	Sedation and Anesthesia Options for Diagnostic Procedures: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines	no protocol	1	1	1
RR	162	2014	Menear M, Briand C.. Implementing a continuum of evidence-based psychosocial interventions for people with severe mental illness: part 1-review of major initiatives and implementation strategies. <i>Can J Psychiatry</i> (2014) 59(4):178–86.	no protocol	0	1	1
RR	163	2014	Saeed S, Golfam M, Beall RF, Ashbury FD, Palmer LJ, Little J. Effectiveness of individual-focused interventions to prevent chronic disease. <i>Eur J Clin Invest</i> 2014;44:883–91.	none mentioned	1	1	1
RR	164	2015	Sara A Kreindler, Yang Cui, Colleen J Metge, Melissa Raynard, Patient characteristics associated with longer emergency department stay: a rapid review, <i>Emerg Med J</i> 2016;33:3 194-199 Published Online First: 4 September 2015 doi:10.1136/emered-2015-204913	yes	1	0	0
RR	165	2015	Chetan R Trivedy, Matthew W Cooke, Unscheduled return visits (URV) in adults to the emergency department (ED): a rapid evidence assessment policy review, <i>Emerg Med J</i> 2015;32:4 324-329 Published Online First: 28 October 2013 doi:10.1136/emered-2013-202719	none mentioned	1	0	1
RR	166	2014	J. Yu, Y. Wang, Y. Li, X. Li, C. Li, J.T. Shen, PHP74 - The DA Vinci Surgical System: A Rapid Review of the Clinical and Economic Evidence, <i>Value in Health</i> , Volume 17, Issue 7, November 2014, Page A798, ISSN 1098-3015, <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jval.2014.08.476">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jval.2014.08.476</a> .	none mentioned	1	1	0
RR	167	2014	Lal S, Adair CE. E-mental health: a rapid review of the literature. <i>Psychiatr Serv</i> . 2014;65:24–32.	none mentioned	1	0	0
RR	168	2014	Beall RF, Baskerville N, Golfam M, Saeed S, Little J. Modes of delivery in prevention intervention studies: a rapid review. <i>Eur J Clin Invest</i> 2014;44:688–96. DOI: 10.1111/eci.12279	yes	1	1	1
RR	169	2013	Jiwa, M., McManus, A., and Dadich, A. (2013) Continuity of cancer care: Where do primary care practitioners fit in? <i>Cancer Forum</i> , 37(1): 31-34.	yes	1	0	0
RR	170	2014	Movement Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Courtney Lee, Cindy Crawford, Eric Schoomaker, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, <i>Pain Medicine</i> Apr 2014, 15 (S1) S40-S53; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12411	yes	1	1	1
RR	171	2012	Boyce T, Holmes A (2012) Addressing Health Inequalities in the Delivery of the Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme: Examining the Role of the School Nurse. <i>PLoS ONE</i> 7(9): e43416. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0043416	none mentioned	1	0	0
RR	172	2011	Attree P, French B, Milton B, Povall S, Whitehead M, Popay J. The experience of community engagement for individuals: a rapid review of evidence. <i>Health &amp; Social Care In The Community</i> [serial online]. May 2011;19(3):250-260. Available from: MEDLINE, Ipswich, MA. doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2524.2010.00976.x	none mentioned	1	0	1
RR	173	2014	Sensory Art Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, John Bingham, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, <i>Pain Medicine</i> Apr 2014, 15 (S1) S66-S75; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12409	none mentioned	1	0	0



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RR	174	2013	Ndumbe-Eyoh S, Moffatt H. Intersectoral action for health equity: a rapid systematic review. BMC Public Health. 2013;13:1056-2458-13-1056. DOI: 10.1186/1471-2458-13-1056	yes	1	1	1
RR	175	2014	Brunton, G., Paraskeva, N., Caird, J., Bird, K. S., Kavanagh, J., Kwan, I., & ... Thomas, J. (2014). Psychosocial predictors, assessment, and outcomes of cosmetic procedures: a systematic rapid evidence assessment. Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, 38(5), 1030-1040. doi:10.1007/s00266-014-0369-4	yes	1	0	1
RR	176	2011	Geddes et al., 2011, R. Geddes, J. Frank, S. Haw, A rapid review of key strategies to improve the cognitive and social development of children in Scotland, Health Policy, 101 (2011), pp. 20–28 doi:10.1016/j.healthpol.2010.08.013	none mentioned	1	1	1
RR	177	2013	Humphreys, DK, Ogilvie, D. Synthesising evidence for equity impacts of population-based physical activity interventions: A pilot study. Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act. 2013;10:76. DOI: 10.1186/1479-5868-10-76	none mentioned	1	0	1
RR	178	2014	Muñoz, K., Caballero, A., & White, K. (2014). Effectiveness of questionnaires for screening hearing of school-age children: a comprehensive literature review. International Journal Of Audiology, 53(12), 910-914. doi:10.3109/14992027.2014.943846	yes	1	0	1
RR	179	2014	Physically Oriented Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, Todd May, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15 (S1) S54-S65; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12410	none mentioned	1	1	1
RR	180	2014	Moe-Byrne, T., Chambers, D., Harden, M., McDaid, C., Behaviour change interventions to promote prescribing of generic drugs: A rapid evidence synthesis and systematic review (2014) BMJ Open, 4 (5), art. no. e004623. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2013-004623	yes	1	1	1
RR	181	2014	Hithersay R, Strydom A, Moulster G & Buszewicz M (2014) Carer-led health interventions to monitor, promote and improve the health of adults with intellectual disabilities in the community: a systematic review. Research in Developmental Disabilities 35, 887–907. doi: 10.1016/j.ridd.2014.01.010	yes	1	1	1
RR	182	2011	Mann R, Gilbody S. Validity of two case finding questions to detect postnatal depression: a review of diagnostic test accuracy. J Affect Disord. 2011;133:388–97. doi:10.1016/j.jad.2010.11.015.	yes	1	0	1
RR	183	2013	Barry, M. M., D'Eath, M., & Sixsmith, J. (2013). Interventions for improving population health literacy: insights from a rapid review of the evidence. Journal Of Health Communication, 18(12), 1507-1522. doi:10.1080/10810730.2013.840699	yes	1	1	1
RR	184	2013	Beck, C. R., Sokal, R., Arunachalam, N., Puleston, R., Cichowska, A., Kessel, A., Zambon, M., Nguyen-Van-Tam, J. S. and on behalf of the UK Antiviral Effectiveness Review Group (2013), Neuraminidase inhibitors for influenza: a review and public health perspective in the aftermath of the 2009 pandemic. Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses, 7: 14–24. doi: 10.1111/irv.12048		1	1	0

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RR	185	2012	McMurrin, M. (2012). Individual-level interventions for alcohol-related violence: a rapid evidence assessment. <i>Criminal Behaviour And Mental Health: CBMH</i> , 22(1), 14-28. doi:10.1002/cbm.821	yes	1	0	1
RR	186	2014	Paul M. Dorresteyn, Norbertus A. Ipenburg, Kathryn J. Murphy, Michelle Smit, Jonna K. van Vulpen, Inge Wegner, Inge Stegeman, and Wilko Grolman, <i>Rapid Systematic Review of Normal Audiometry Results as a Predictor for Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo, Otolaryngology -- Head and Neck Surgery</i> June 2014 150: 919-924, doi:10.1177/0194599814527233	none mentioned	1	1	1
RR	187	2012	KONNYU, K., KWOK, E., SKIDMORE, B., MOHER, D.. The effectiveness and safety of emergency department short stay units: a rapid review. <i>Open Medicine, North America</i> , 6, jan. 2012. Available at: <a href="http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/view/478/449">http://www.openmedicine.ca/article/view/478/449</a> .	no protocol	1	1	1
RR	188	2015	Butow, P., Price, M. A., Shaw, J. M., Turner, J., Clayton, J. M., Grimison, P., Rankin, N., and Kirsten, L. (2015) Clinical pathway for the screening, assessment and management of anxiety and depression in adult cancer patients: Australian guidelines. <i>Psycho-Oncology</i> , 24: 987–1001. doi: 10.1002/pon.3920.	no protocol	1	1	1
RR	189	2014	R.B. Costello, C.V. Lentino, C.C. Boyd, M.L. O'Connell, C.C. Crawford, M.L. Sprengel, et al., The effectiveness of melatonin for promoting healthy sleep: a rapid evidence assessment of the literature, <i>Nutr. J.</i> , 13 (2014), p. 106 DOI: 10.1186/1475-2891-13-106	not published	1	0	1
RR	190	2014	Lee, C., Crawford, C., & Swann, S. (2014). Multimodal, integrative therapies for the self-management of chronic pain symptoms. <i>Pain Medicine (Malden, Mass.)</i> , 15 Suppl 1S76-S85. doi:10.1111/pme.12408	yes	1	0	1
<b>Rapid reviews (CRD databases)</b>							
CRD RR	191	2015	Health Quality Ontario. Prophylactic antibiotics for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 26 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1
CRD RR	192	2013	Ghazipura M. Community versus inpatient rehabilitation in hip fracture patients: a rapid review. Toronto, Ontario; 2013 Apr. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohtac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohtac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a> .	none mentioned	1	0	0
CRD RR	193	2015	Health Quality Ontario. Sodium restriction in heart failure: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1
CRD RR	194	2014	Lambrinos, A. Preoperative consultations: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2014 March. 19 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/appropriateness-initiative#preop-consult">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/appropriateness-initiative#preop-consult</a> .	none mentioned	1	0	1

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38				Nikitovic M. Intensity of rehabilitation after hip fracture: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Apr. 17 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohtac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohtac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a> .	none			
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CRD RR	214	2015	Health Quality Ontario. Cognitive-behavioural therapy for anxiety and depression in patients with COPD: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 21 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-car">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-car</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1
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CRD RR	217	2015	Health Quality Ontario. Care coordination for postacute stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and heart failure clients: an economic rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1
CRD RR	218	2015	Lambrinos A. Medication reconciliation at discharge: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 24 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	none mentioned	1	0	1
CRD RR	219	2013	McCurdy BR. Inhospital physiotherapy for acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (AECOPD): a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2012 Dec. 28 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-oh-tac-recommend">www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-oh-tac-recommend</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1
CRD RR	220	2013	Health Quality Ontario. Effectiveness and safety of thrombolytics for ischemic stroke: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Jan. 25 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-oh-tac-recommendations/rapid-revi">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-oh-tac-recommendations/rapid-revi</a>	none mentioned	1	0	1

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Characteristics of stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews: Study characteristics

General Information

Study type	Study ID	Year of study	version number	Citation	Institution performing review	country	year	contact details, corresponding author (not shown)	specific topic	Thematic Focus	Type of intervention	Setting specified	Setting
Cochrane systematic reviews													
CSR	101	2012	1	Olsen O, Clausen JA. Planned hospital birth versus planned home birth. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD000352. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000352.pub2.	General Practice and Section of General Practice, Department of Public Health, University of	DNK	2012		childbirth	Treatment	Type of birth	birth setting hospital/home	Multiple
CSR	102	2013	1	Moi JHY, Sriranganathan MK, Edwards CJ, Buchbinder R. Lifestyle interventions for acute gout. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD010519. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010519.pub2.	Department of Rheumatology, The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Parkville, Australia.	AUS	2013		Acute gout treatment	Treatment	lifestyle interventions	inpatients and outpatients	multiple
CSR	103	2011	1	Thomas RE, Lorenzetti D, Spragins W. Mentoring adolescents to prevent drug and alcohol use. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD007381. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007381.pub2.	University of Calgary, Department of Medicine, Calgary, Alberta, Canada	CAN	2011		drug/alcohol prevention	Prevention	mentoring acts of any kind	mentoring programs	Multiple
CSR	104	2012	1	Garrison SR, Allan GM, Sekhon RK, Musini VM, Khan KM. Magnesium for skeletal muscle cramps. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD009402. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009402.pub2.	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	CAN	2012		Skeltal muscle cramps	Treatment	Magnesium supplementation	outpatients (primary care, community)	Outpatient
CSR	105	2012	update	Tejani AM, Wasdell M, Spiwak R, Rowell G, Nathwani S. Carnitine for fatigue in multiple sclerosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD007280. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007280.pub3.	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	CAN	2012		Multiple Sclerosis fatigue	Treatment	Carnitine supplementation	outpatients	Outpatient
CSR	106	2013	update	Taylor F, Huffman MD, Macedo AF, Moore THM, Burke M, Davey Smith G, Ward K, Ebrahim S. Statins for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD004816. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004816.	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada & Tropical Medicine, Department of Non-communicable Disease Epidemiology, London, UK	GBR	2013		primary prevention of cardiovascular disease	Prevention	statins	community setting	Community
CSR	107	2013	update	Jorge EC, Jorge EN, El Dib RP. Early light reduction for preventing retinopathy of prematurity in very low birth weight infants. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD000122. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000122.pub2.	Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP), Botucatu, São Paulo, Brazil	BRA	2013		ROP prevention in premature infants	Prevention	light reduction	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
CSR	108	2012	1	Jin H, Leng Q, Li C. Dietary flavonoid for preventing colorectal neoplasms. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD009350. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009350.pub2.	University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, National Center of Colorectal Surgery, Nanjing, Jiangsu	CHN	2012		colorectal neoplasm prevention	Prevention	Flavonoid intake	community setting	Community

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Population	N	overall age range	sex	Funding (who?)	notable conflicts of interests of authors	review protocol	Stakeholder involvement SHI SHI: yes = 1, no = 0	PRISMA Procedure according to PRISMA-guidelines
Low risk pregnant women	11	pregnant	f	governmental, institutional: National Institute for Health Research, UK.	none	yes		1
adults with acute gout	19	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	yes		0
adolescents	1994	13 - 18	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	yes		0
adults	406	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional: Canadian Institutes of Health Research	and Khan are co-authors of a RCT which was included	yes		0
adults with MS diagnosed	36	adult	f/m	institutional: Fraser Health Research Administration and Development Office, Department of Social Medicine, University of Bristol, UK.,	none	yes		1
adults	56934	adult	f/m	institutional: University of Rochester, NY, USA., Department of	none	yes		0
Premature human infants	897	premature	f/m	institutional: University of Rochester, NY, USA., Department of	served as a member of the Data Safety	yes		0
adults	390769	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	yes		0

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1					Karmali KN, Davies P, Taylor F, Beswick A, Martin N, Ebrahim S.	Feinberg School of			Secondary					
2					Promoting patient uptake and adherence in cardiac rehabilitation. Cochrane	Medicine, Departments of			prevention of					
3					Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD007131. DOI:	Preventive Medicine and			cardiovascular		cardiac	rehabilitation	inpatient/	
4	CSR	109	2014	update	10.1002/14651858.CD007131.pub3.	Medicine (Cardiology),	USA	2014	disease	Prevention	rehabilitation	setting	Hospital	
5					Bjelakovic G, Gluud LL, Nikolova D, Whitfield K, Krstic G, Wetterslev J,	Medical Faculty, University								
6					Gluud C. Vitamin D supplementation for prevention of cancer in adults.	of Nis, Department of								
7	CSR	110	2014		1 CD007469. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007469.pub2.	Internal Medicine, Nis,	SRB	2014	Cancer	Prevention	Vitamin D	community	Community	
8					Carney T, Myers BJ, Louw J, Okwundu CI. Brief school-based interventions	Research Council, Alcohol								
9					and behavioural outcomes for substance-using adolescents. Cochrane	and Drug Abuse Research								
10	CSR	111	2014		1 10.1002/14651858.CD008969.pub2.	Unit, Cape Town, Western	ZAF	2014	drug/alcohol	Prevention	Brief	High schools,	Community	
11					Taylor MJ, Rudkin L, Bullemor-Day P, Lubin J, Chukwujekwu C, Hawton K.	Cape, South Africa			prevention	Interventions	(psychotherapy)	colleges		
12					Strategies for managing sexual dysfunction induced by antidepressant	Institute of Psychiatry,								
13					medication. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art.	King's College London,								
14	CSR	112	2013	update	10.1002/14651858.CD003382. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD0033	Department of Psychosis	GBR	2013	sexual	Treatment	sildenafil,	outpatients	Outpatient	
15					Fonner VA, Denison J, Kennedy CE, O'Reilly K, Sweat M. Voluntary	Studies, London, UK			dysfunction		bupropion, etc.	phase lia		
16					counseling and testing (VCT) for changing HIV-related risk behavior in	School of Public Health,								
17	CSR	113	2012		1 Issue 9. Art. No.: CD001224. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.	Department of International	USA	2012	HIV-prevention	Prevention	voluntary	clinical,	Multiple	
18					Shields L, Zhou H, Pratt J, Taylor M, Hunter J, Pascoe E. Family-centred	Health, Social and					counseling and	mobile or		
19					care for hospitalised children aged 0-12 years. Cochrane Database of	Behavioral Interventions					testing VCT	home setting		
20	CSR	114	2012	update	10.1002/14651858.CD004811.pub3.	USA	2012							
21					Nava F, Ghilotti F, Maggi L, Hatemi G, Del Bianco A, Merlo C, Filippini G,	Tropical Health Research	AUS	2012	pediatric care	Treatment	family-centred	hospital	Inpatient/	
22					Tramacere I. Biologics, colchicine, corticosteroids, immunosuppressants	Unit for Nursing and					models of care		Hospital	
23	CSR	115	2014		1 Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Ar	Midwifery Practice,								
24					Njei B, Kongnyuy EJ, Kumar S, Okwen MP, Sankar MJ, Mbuagbaw L.	Townsville, QLD, Australia								
25					Optimal timing for antiretroviral therapy initiation in patients with HIV	University of Milano-								
26					infection and concurrent cryptococcal meningitis. Cochrane Database of	Bicocca, Faculty of								
27	CSR	116	2013		1 Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD0	Statistical Science, Milan,	ITA	2014	Neuro-Behçet	Treatment	different	inpatients and	Multiple	
28					Lager KE, Mistri AK, Khunti K, Haunton VJ, Sett AK, Wilson AD.	Italy			Syndrome		treatments	outpatients		
29					Interventions for improving modifiable risk factor control in the secondary	School of Medicine,			(NBS)					
30	CSR	117	2014		1 Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009103. DOI: 10.1002/146518	Department of Medicine,								
31					Chen W, Zhang Y, Li X, Yang G, Liu JP. Chinese herbal medicine for	Farmington, Connecticut,	USA	2013	HIV treatment	Treatment	antiretroviral	outpatients	Outpatient	
32					diabetic peripheral neuropathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews	USA					therapy			
33	CSR	118	2013	update	10.1002/14651858.CD007796.pub3.	University of Leicester,								
34					Fede G, Germani G, Gluud C, Gurusamy KS, Burroughs AK.	Department of Health	GBR	2014	secondary	Prevention	modifiable risk	outpatients	Outpatient	
35					Propylthiouracil for alcoholic liver disease. Cochrane Database of	Sciences, Leicester, UK			stroke		factor control			
36	CSR	119	2011	update	10.1002/14651858.CD002800.pub3.	Chinese Medicine, Centre			prevention					
37					Jefferson T, Rivetti A, Di Pietrantonj C, Demicheli V, Ferroni E. Vaccines for	for Evidence-Based								
38					preventing influenza in healthy children. Cochrane Database of Systematic	Chinese Medicine, Beijing,	CHN	2013	chinese herb	Treatment	chinese herbs,	inpatients and	Multiple	
39	CSR	120	2012	update	10.1002/14651858.CD004879.pub4.	China			medicine		chinese	outpatients		
40					Interventions for improving modifiable risk factor control in the secondary	Royal Free Hampstead								
41					prevention of stroke. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014,	NHS Foundation Trust,								
42					Chen W, Zhang Y, Li X, Yang G, Liu JP. Chinese herbal medicine for	Sheila Sherlock Liver	GBR	2011	alcoholic liver	Treatment	Propylthiouracil	outpatients	Outpatient	
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13	sexual			Psychiatry, University	temporary	consultant for	yes	
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44	children	300000 0 - 16	f/m	ALESSANDRIA,	F. Hoffman-	yes		0

1					Akl EA, Oxman AD, Herrin J, Vist GE, Terrenato I, Sperati F, Costiniuk C, Blank D, Schünemann H. Framing of health information messages. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD006777. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006777.pub2.	Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	CAN	2011	framing of health information messages	Health Services	negatively/positively framed health messages	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
2	CSR	121	2011	1	Smart NA, Marshall BJ, Daley M, Boulous E, Windus J, Baker N, Kwok N. Low-fat diets for acquired hypercholesterolaemia. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD007957. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007957.pub2.	Bond University, Faculty of Health Science and Medicine, Robina, Queensland, Australia	AUS	2011	acquired hypercholesterolaemia	Treatment	any kind of low-fat diet	community setting	Community
3	CSR	122	2011	1	Cheuk DKL, Chiang AKS, Lee TL, Chan GCF, Ha SY. Vaccines for prophylaxis of viral infections in patients with hematological malignancies. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD006505. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006505.pub2.	Kong, Queen Mary Hospital, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, Hong Kong SAR, China	CHN	2011	viral vaccines in patients with hematological malignancies	Treatment	viral vaccination	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
4	CSR	123	2011	1	Kwong JSW, Lau HLC, Yeung F, Chau PH. Yoga for secondary prevention of coronary heart disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 7. Art. No.: CD009506. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009506.pub4.	Sichuan University, Chinese Cochrane Center, Chinese Evidence-Based Medicine Center, Chengdu, China	CHN	2015	secondary prevention of coronary heart disease	Prevention	any type of yoga exercises	yoga program-setting	Outpatient
5	CSR	124	2015 update	1	Overdevest GM, Jacobs W, Vleggeert-Lankamp C, Thomé C, Gunzburg R, Peul W. Effectiveness of posterior decompression techniques compared with conventional laminectomy for lumbar stenosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD000000. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000000.pub3.	Leiden University Medical Center, Department of Neurosurgery, Leiden, Netherlands	NED	2015	treatment of lumbar stenosis	Treatment	bilateral laminotomy	hospital (surgery)	Inpatient/Hospital
6	CSR	125	2015	1	Martí-Carvajal AJ, Knight-Madden JM, Martínez-Zapata MJ. Interventions for treating leg ulcers in people with sickle cell disease. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD008394. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008394.pub3.	Iberoamerican Cochrane Network, Valencia, Venezuela	VEN	2014	leg ulcers in people with sickle cell disease	Treatment	any clinical interventions	hospital or community setting	Multiple
7	CSR	126	2014 update	1	Junker AE, Als-Nielsen B, Gluud C, Gluud LL. Dopamine agents for hepatic encephalopathy. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD003047. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003047.pub3.	Gentofte Hospital, Department of Medicine F, Hellerup, Denmark	DNK	2014	treatment of hepatic encephalopathy	Treatment	dopamine agonists	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
8	CSR	127	2014 update	1	Peckham EJ, Nelson EA, Greenhalgh J, Cooper K, Roberts ER, Agrawal A. Homeopathy for treatment of irritable bowel syndrome. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD009710. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009710.pub2.	University of York, Department of Health Sciences, Heslington, UK	GBR	2013	irritable bowel syndrome	Treatment	homeopathic treatment	inpatients and outpatients	Multiple
9	CSR	128	2013	1	Okwundu CI, Nagpal S, Musekiwa A, Sinclair D. Home- or community-based programmes for treating malaria. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 5. Art. No.: CD009527. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD009527.pub2.	Centre for Evidence-based Health Care, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Tygerberg, South Africa	ZAF	2013	malaria treatment programmes	Treatment	Home- or community-based programmes	home or community setting	Multiple
10	CSR	129	2013	1	Rahimi-Movaghar A, Amin-Esmaeili M, Hefazi M, Yousefi-Nooraie R. Pharmacological therapies for maintenance treatments of opium dependence. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD007775. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007775.pub2.	for HIV/AIDS (IRCHA), Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Department for Mental Health, Tehran, Iran	IRN	2013	opium dependence	Treatment	any pharmacological therapies	outpatients	Outpatient

Systematic reviews (non-Cochrane)

38	SR	131	2015	1	Rush CJ, Campbell RT, Jhund PS, et al. Falling cardiovascular mortality in heart failure with reduced ejection fraction and implications for clinical trials. JACC Heart Fail. 2015;3(8):603–14.	Hairmyres Hospital, East Kilbride, Scotland, United Kingdom	GBR	2015	heart failure mortality	Treatment	disease-modifying therapies, esp. beta-blockers	outpatients and inpatients	Multiple
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1	consumers,				institutional: State	review			
2	health				University of New	authors were			
3	professionals				York at Buffalo, NY,	also authors			
4	, policy	16342	adult	f/m	USA., Italian National	of one	yes		0
5	acquired (not				institutional: Primary				
6	familial)				Healthcare Research				
7	hypercholest	0	adult	f/m	Development	none	yes		0
8	erolaemia								
9	patients with				institutional: The				
10	hematologica		no		University of Hong				
11	l		restriction		Kong, Hong Kong,				
12	malignancies	593	s	f/m	Cochrane	none	yes		0
13	adults with				institutional: The				
14	diagnosis of				Chinese University of				
15	acute or				Hong Kong, Hong				
16	chronic CHD	0	adult	f/m	Kong.	none	yes		0
17	patients with				governmental,				
18	lumbar				institutional: Leiden				
19	stenosis	733	adult	f/m	University Medical	none	yes		0
20	adults with				Center, Netherlands.				
21	sickle cell				institutional:	Carvajal was			
22	disease	198	adult	f/m	Iberoamerican	employed by			
23	patients with				Cochrane Center,	Eli Lilly to run			
24	hepatic				Spain., Cystic	a four-hour	yes		1
25	encephalopa				institutional:				
26	thy	144	adult	f/m	Copenhagen Trial				
27	patients with				Unit, Denmark., The	none	yes		0
28	irritable				1991 Pharmacy	contributed to			
29	bowel				institutional:	the design			
30	syndrome	213	adult	f/m	University of Leeds,	and			
31	and adults				Research Institute,	management	yes		0
32	with fever or				institutional: Centre				
33	malaria	not	no		for Evidence-Based				
34	symptoms	ed	restriction	f/m	Health Care,	none	yes		0
35	opioid				Stellenbosch				
36	dependent				governmental,				
37	adults	870	adult	f/m	institutional: Tehran	none	yes		0
38	patients with				University of Medical				
39	chronic heart				Sciences, Iran.				
40	failure	136182	adult	f/m					
41					institutional:				
42					universities, British	none			
43					Heart Foundation	not	mentione		
44					Project Grant,	mentioned	d		0
45									0
46									



1									
2	patients								
3	treated with			governmental,					
4	face mask	936	adult	f/m	institutional	none	yes	0	1
5	covered by								
6	private or	not	no		governmental,		yes (not		
7	public	mention	restriction	f/m	institutional,	not	mentione	1	1
8	insurance	ed	s		institutional	mentioned	d)		
9	patients with						none		
10	type 2				governmental,		mentione		
11	diabetes	23182	adult	f/m	institutional	none	d	0	0
12	diagnosed								
13	with						none		
14	posttraumati				governmental,	not	mentione		
15	c stress	354	> 14	f/m	institutional	mentioned	d	0	1
16	individuals				institutional: National		yes (not		
17	with BMI >				Health andMedical		mentione		
18	30	4650877	adult	f/m	Australia	none	d)	1	1
19	patients								
20	suffering				governmental,	not			
21	from dyslexia	2726	6 to 36	f/m	institutional	mentioned	no	0	1
22					governmental,		none		
23	Population	not	no		institutional: National	not	mentione		
24	adults	ed	s	f/m	Cancer research	mentioned	d	0	1
25	receiving				institute, UK				
26	treatment for	not							
27	depression	ed	adult	f/m	governmental,	none	yes	0	0
28	women with				institutional				
29	breast						none		
30	cancer				governmental,		mentione		
31	stages I - III	207	adult	f	institutional	none	d	0	1
32	patients > 65						none		
33	discharged				governmental,	not	mentione		
34	from hospital	8440	> 65	f/m	institutional	mentioned	d	0	0
35					institutional,		none		
36	pregnant		no		supported by Tri-		mentione		
37	women	2836410	s	f	Council for Nursing	not	d	0	0
38	patients with				and the Advanced	mentioned			
39	low-risk						none		
40	prostate	not			governmental,		mentione		
41	cancer	ed	adult	m	institutional	none	d	0	1

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1									
2				institutional: Agency					
3		not		for Healthcare				yes (not	
4	children	mention	children	Research and	Quality, US	none		d)	
5		ed							1 1
6						has received			
7	adults		74536	adult	f/m	governmental,		speaking	yes (not
8						institutional		from	mentione
9				no		institutional:			d)
10	Population		517844	s	f/m	University of Otago		the University	
11	patients with			restriction		and the Riddet		of Otago,	
12	primary					Institute, a New		Riddet	
13	hypothyreosi					Institute, and		Institute, and	yes
14	s		1379	16 - 80	f/m				
15	with					governmental,		not	none
16	diagnosed					institutional		mentioned	mentione
17	agenesis of					institutional: Victorian			d)
18	Corpus		110	0 - 73	f/m	Government's		not	none
19						Operational		mentioned	mentione
20	children and					Infrastructure			d)
21	adolescents		4648420	0 - 18	f/m	governmental,		none	yes
22	early- stage					institutional: NIHR			
23	breast					HTA Programme,			
24	cancer					institutional: Ministry			
25	patients		1159	adult	f	of Education, Culture,		not	none
26	(some					Sports, Science and		mentioned	mentione
27	undernourish					Technology in Japan			d)
28	ed, some								
29	well		2485	> 59	m/f	governmental,		not	yes (not
30	people with					institutional		mentioned	mentione
31	primary								d)
32	cancer					governmental,		not	yes (not
33	diagnosis		648	adult	m/f	institutional		mentioned	mentione
34	school,								d)
35	primary and	not				governmental,			yes (not
36	secondary	mention				institutional		none	mentione
37	school)	ed		< 18	m/f	institutional:			d)
38	patients with					Canadian Institutes			
39	type 2					for Health			
40	diabetes		2967	adult	m/f	Research/Drug		none	yes
41									
42						governmental,			
43	no restriction		18933	s	m/f	institutional		none	no
44									
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1				Ian C. Scott, Rachael Tan, Daniel Stahl, Sophia Steer, Cathryn M. Lewis, and Andrew P. Cope The protective effect of alcohol on developing rheumatoid arthritis: a systematic review and meta-analysis Rheumatology (2013) 52 (5): 856-867 first published online 10 August 2013	Cellular Biology of Inflammation, Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics, Guy's Hospital, London, UK	GBR	2013	rheumatoid arthritis	community-based	alcohol intake	community setting	Community
2	SR	156	2013									
3				Hu MB, Xu H, Bai PD, et al. Obesity has multifaceted impact on biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer: a dose-response meta-analysis of 36,927 patients. Med Oncol 2014; 31:829. DOI: 10.1007/s12032-013-0829-8	Huashan Hospital, Fudan University, No.12 Wulumuqi Road, Shanghai, 200040, China	CHN	2014	prostate cancer	Prevention	assessing effect of obesity (BMI) on recurrence	clinical setting	Outpatient
4												
5	SR	157	2014									
6				Blasco, M.A., Redleaf, M.I., 2014. Cochlear implantation in unilateral sudden deafness improves tinnitus and speech comprehension: meta-analysis and systematic review. Otol. Neurotol. 35 (8), 1426-1432. DOI: 10.1097/MAO.0000000000000431	College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois	USA	2014	cochlear implants	Treatment	hearing loss	outpatients	Outpatient
7												
8	SR	158	2014									
9				Physical Activity in Overweight and Obese Adolescents: Systematic Review of the Effects on Physical Fitness Components and Cardiovascular Risk Factors SPORTS MEDICINE Volume: 44 Issue: 8 Pages: 1139-1152 Published: AUG 2014	Janeiro, Lab Phys Act & Hlth Promot, Inst Phys Educ & Sports, BR-20550013 Rio De Janeiro, Division of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick, CV4 7AL, UK	BRA	2014	obesity prevention	Prevention	physical activity	community, therapy setting	Multiple
10												
11	SR	159	2014									
12				Gibbs et al., 2014, M. Gibbs, C. Winsper, S. Marwaha, E. Gilbert, M. Broome, S.P. Singh, Cannabis use and mania symptoms: a systematic review and meta-analysis J. Affect. Disord., 171C (2014), pp. 39–47, doi:10.1016/j.jad.2014.09.016		GBR	2015	cannabis use	community-based	cannabis use and association with mania	community setting	Community
13												
14	SR	160	2015									

20 Rapid reviews

1								
2					undertaking a			
3	drinkers/non-			governmental,	clinical re-	none		
4	drinkers	96462	adult	institutional: Arthritis	search	mentione		
5	patients with			Research UK	fellowship,	d	0	0
6	primary			governmental,				
7	prostate			institutional: National		none		
8	cancer	36927	adult	Foundation of China	none	d	0	0
9	patients with							
10	unilateral			governmental,		none		
11	hearing loss	36	adult	institutional	none	mentione	0	0
12	overweight			institutional: Carlos		d		
13	and obese			Chagas Filho		none		
14	adolescents	1616	12 - 17	Foundation for the	Research Support in	mentione	0	1
15	who had				none	d		
16	experienced							
17	mania			governmental,		yes (not		
18	symptoms	2391	> 12	institutional	none	mentione	0	1
19						d)		

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1								
2	Anesthesia	no						
3	patients of all	restriction		governmental,	not	no		1
4	ages	3538 s	m/f	institutional	mentioned	protocol		
5	adults with			governmental,				
6	severe	not		institutional:				
7	mental	mention		Canadian Psychiatric		no		0
8	illness SMI	ed	adult	m/f	Association	none	protocol	
9				institutional: Cancer				
10		not		Care Ontario,		none		
11	adults	mention	adult	m/f	Ministry of Health	not	mentione	1
12	patients in	ed	adult	m/f	and Long-Term Care	mentioned	d	
13	emergency	>	no					
14	department	1700000	restriction	m/f	governmental,	none	yes	1
15	repeatedly				institutional			
16	visiting ED	not	no		governmental,		none	
17	within 48 or	mention	restriction	m/f	institutional	none	mentione	0
18	72h	ed	s		institutional		d	
19	patients							
20	undergoing				governmental,	not	none	
21	surgery	45516	adult	m	institutional	mentioned	d	0
22	receiving							
23	mental	not	no		governmental,		none	
24	health	mention	restriction	m/f	institutional	none	d	0
25	services	ed	s		institutional: Cancer			
26					Care Ontario,			
27	Population	not	no	m/f	Ministry of Health	not		0
28		mention	restriction		and Long-Term Care	mentioned	yes	
29	Patients with	ed	s	m/f	Institute NSW	not	yes (not	0
30	cancer	ed	s			mentioned	mentione	
31							d)	
32	patients with				governmental,		yes (not	
33	chronic pain			m/f	institutional	none	mentione	1
34	symptoms	2418	adult		institutional; National		d)	
35					Institute for Health	the authors of		
36	adolescent		adolescen	f	Research (NIHR), UK	Review's Fair	none	
37	girls	16744	t		Clinical Research	Society	mentione	
38					institutional: National		d	
39		not	no		Institute for Health		none	
40	Population	mention	restriction	m/f	and Clinical		mentione	0
41		ed	s		Excellence (NICE),	none	d	

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1					Sensory Art Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, John Bingham, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15	Samueli Institute, Alexandria, Virginia, USA	USA	2014	chronic pain management	Treatment	sensory art & music therapies	therapy setting	Outpatient
2					(S1) S66-S75; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12409								
3						Centre for Determinants of Health, P,O,Box 5000, Antigonish NS B2G 2 W5, Canada	CAN	2013	health equity	Health Services	Any intersectoral intervention involving public health	community and school setting	Community
4	RR	173	2014	1	Ndumbe-Eyoh S, Moffatt H. Intersectoral action for health equity: a rapid systematic review. BMC Public Health. 2013;13:1056-2458-13-1056. DOI: 10.1186/1471-2458-13-1056								
5						Social Science Research Unit, EPPI-Centre, Institute of Education, University of London	GBR	2014	psychological outcomes of cosmetic procedures	Treatment	cosmetic interventions	inpatient	Inpatient/Hospital
6	RR	174	2013	1	Brunton, G., Paraskeva, N., Caird, J., Bird, K. S., Kavanagh, J., Kwan, I., & ... Thomas, J. (2014). Psychosocial predictors, assessment, and outcomes of cosmetic procedures: a systematic rapid evidence assessment. Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, 38(5), 1030-1040. doi:10.1007/s00266-014-0369-4								
7					Geddes et al., 2011, R. Geddes, J. Frank, S. Haw, A rapid review of key strategies to improve the cognitive and social development of children in Scotland, Health Policy, 101 (2011), pp. 20–28	Public Health Research and Policy, MRC Human Genetics Unit building, Western General Hospital, Activity Research (CEDAR), Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge	GBR	2011	cognitive and social development of children	Treatment	early childhood interventions	community setting	Community
8	RR	175	2014	1	doi:10.1016/j.healthpol.2010.08.013								
9					Humphreys, DK, Ogilvie, D. Synthesising evidence for equity impacts of population-based physical activity interventions: A pilot study. Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act. 2013;10:76. DOI: 10.1186/1479-5868-10-76								
10	RR	176	2011	1	Muñoz, K., Caballero, A., & White, K. (2014). Effectiveness of questionnaires for screening hearing of school-age children: a comprehensive literature review. International Journal Of Audiology, 53(12), 910-914. doi:10.3109/14992027.2014.943846	Communication Disorders & Deaf Education, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA	USA	2014	population-level interventions on social inequalities	Prevention	population-based physical activity interventions	community setting	Community
11													
12	RR	177	2013	1	Physically Oriented Therapies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain Symptoms, Cindy Crawford, Courtney Lee, Todd May, Active Self-Care Therapies for Pain (PACT) Working Group, Pain Medicine Apr 2014, 15	Samueli Institute, Alexandria, Virginia, USA	USA	2014	hearing loss in children	community-based	screening for hearing loss	school setting	Community
13					(S1) S54-S65; DOI: 10.1111/pme.12410								
14	RR	178	2014	1	Moe-Byrne, T., Chambers, D., Harden, M., McDaid, C., Behaviour change interventions to promote prescribing of generic drugs: A rapid evidence synthesis and systematic review (2014) BMJ Open, 4 (5), art. no. e004623. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2013-004623	University of York, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, York, UK	GBR	2014	chronic pain management	Treatment	Physically oriented therapies	therapy setting	Outpatient
15													
16	RR	179	2014	1	health interventions to monitor, promote and improve the health of adults with intellectual disabilities in the community: a systematic review. Research in Developmental Disabilities 35, 887–907. doi: 10.1016/j.ridd.2014.01.010	Mental Health Sciences, Charles Bell House, 2nd Floor, 67-73 Riding House Street, London W1W 7EJ, Department of Health Sciences, University of York, York, YO10 5DD, United Kingdom (UK)	GBR	2011	prescribing generic drugs	Health Services	behaviour change interventions	National Health Service and similar	different/other
17													
18	RR	180	2014	1	health interventions to monitor, promote and improve the health of adults with intellectual disabilities in the community: a systematic review. Research in Developmental Disabilities 35, 887–907. doi: 10.1016/j.ridd.2014.01.010								
19													
20	RR	181	2014	1	Mann R, Gilbody S. Validity of two case finding questions to detect postnatal depression: a review of diagnostic test accuracy. J Affect Disord. 2011;133:388–97. doi:10.1016/j.jad.2010.11.015.	Health Promotion Research Centre, National University of Ireland Galway, Galway, Ireland	IRL	2013	intellectual disabilities	Treatment	carer-led interventions	community setting (carer-led)	Community
21													
22	RR	182	2011	1	Barry, M. M., D'Eath, M., & Sixsmith, J. (2013). Interventions for improving population health literacy: insights from a rapid review of the evidence. Journal Of Health Communication, 18(12), 1507-1522. doi:10.1080/10810730.2013.840699								
23													
24	RR	183	2013	1	Kessel, A., Zambon, M., Nguyen-Van-Tam, J. S. and on behalf of the UK Antiviral Effectiveness Review Group (2013), Neuraminidase inhibitors for influenza: a review and public health perspective in the aftermath of the 2009 pandemic. Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses, 7: 14–24. doi: 10.1080/10810730.2013.840699	Influenza Research Group, Division of Epidemiology and Public Health, School of Community Health	GBR	2013	postnatal depression	community-based	Assessing PND with different methods	post-birth setting	Outpatient
25													
26	RR	184	2013	1	Barry, M. M., D'Eath, M., & Sixsmith, J. (2013). Interventions for improving population health literacy: insights from a rapid review of the evidence. Journal Of Health Communication, 18(12), 1507-1522. doi:10.1080/10810730.2013.840699								
27													
28	RR	184	2013	1	Kessel, A., Zambon, M., Nguyen-Van-Tam, J. S. and on behalf of the UK Antiviral Effectiveness Review Group (2013), Neuraminidase inhibitors for influenza: a review and public health perspective in the aftermath of the 2009 pandemic. Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses, 7: 14–24. doi: 10.1080/10810730.2013.840699								
29													
30	RR	184	2013	1	Kessel, A., Zambon, M., Nguyen-Van-Tam, J. S. and on behalf of the UK Antiviral Effectiveness Review Group (2013), Neuraminidase inhibitors for influenza: a review and public health perspective in the aftermath of the 2009 pandemic. Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses, 7: 14–24. doi: 10.1080/10810730.2013.840699								
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1	patients							
2	suffering					none		
3	from chronic				governmental,		mentione	
4	pain	711	adult	m/f	institutional	none	d	0
5								
6	general		no		governmental,		yes (not	
7	population	115613	restriction	m/f	institutional	none	mentione	1
8	participants				institutional: Policy		d)	
9	requesting	not	no		Research		yes (not	
10	cosmetic	mention	restriction	m/f	Programme in the		mentione	1
11	procedures	ed	s		Department of Health	none	d)	
12					institutional:			
13	children 0–5	not			SCPHRP is funded		none	
14	years	mention	0 - 5	m/f	by the Medical	not	mentione	0
15					Research Council	mentioned	d	
16	general	not	no		institutional: British		none	
17	population	mention	restriction	m/f	Heart Foundation,		mentione	0
18		ed	s		Economic and Social	Research Council,	d	
19	school age						yes (not	
20	children	2717	2 - 13	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	0
21	patients				institutional		d)	
22	suffering						none	
23	from chronic				governmental,		mentione	
24	pain	1087	adult	m/f	institutional	none	d	0
25					governmental,			
26	healthcare	not			institutional: NIHR			
27	providers	mention	adult	m/f	CLAHRC for Leeds,	none	yes	1
28	patients with				York & Bradford			
29	and without				governmental,			
30	intellectual	4721	> 2	m/f	institutional: National		yes	0
31	disabilities				Institute for Health	Research (NIHR)		
32	adult women				institutional: Hull York		yes (not	
33	with live birth	506	adult	f	Medical School	(HYMS), University of	mentione	0
34					York, York	none	d)	
35	adult health	not			institutional:		yes (not	
36	service users	mention	adult	m/f	European Centre for	not	mentione	1
37		ed			Disease Prevention	mentioned	d)	
38					and Control (ECDC)			
39	Population	not	no	m/f	institutional: Health	Protection Agency	funding for	
40		mention	restriction		(HPA) and the	related	research from	1
41		ed	s		Department of			



1							
2	alcohol-					yes (not	
3	associated					mentione	
4	violence	1265 > 14	m/f	governmental,	not	d)	0
5	problems			institutional	mentioned		
6						none	
7	Patients with	102 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	0
8	vertigo			institutional		d	
9	patients at	no		governmental,	is a		
10	emergency	restriction		institutional:	contributing		
11	department	9963 s	m/f	Canadian Institutes	editor for	no	1
12				of Health Research	Open	protocol	
13	cancer	not					
14	patients	mentioned	adult	m/f	governmental,	no	1
15	healthy				institutional	protocol	
16	population or				institutional: Defense		
17	patients with	1903 adult	m/f	for Health and	Health Program and	not	1
18	insomnia				USUHS, Consortium	published	
19	patients with						
20	chronic pain	3561 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	yes (not	1
21	symptoms			institutional		mentione	
22						d)	
23							
24							
25						none	
26	COPD	176 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	1
27	patients			institutional		d	
28							
29	hip fracture	195 > 65	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	1
30	patients			institutional		d	
31							
32	patients with	3318 > 53	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	1
33	heart failure			institutional		d	
34							
35	surgery					none	
36	patients	372746 adult	m/f	governmental,	none	mentione	1
37				institutional		d	
38							
39	patients with	0 adult	f/m	governmental,	none	mentione	1
40	CAP			institutional		d	
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1					Health Quality Ontario. Communication of discharge instructions: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 18 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	discharge procedure	Health Services	providing a written discharge plan	acute hospital to home (discharge-setting)	different/other
2	CRD RF	196	2015	1	Community-Acquired Pneumonia. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 November. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommendations/rapi">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommendations/rapi</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	CAP (pneumonia) management	Treatment	timing of antibiotics administration	hospital	inpatient/Hospital
3	CRD RF	197	2013	1	pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Jan. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommendations/rapid-review">www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommendations/rapid-review</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	COPD management	Treatment	action plans	home and outpatients setting	Multiple
4	CRD RF	198	2013	1	Wang M. Pulmonary rehabilitation in the home versus other settings for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/ev">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/ev</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	pulmonary rehabilitation	Treatment	home-based rehabilitation	home setting	Home
5	CRD RF	199	2015	1	Bungay, H., & Vella-Burrows, T. (2013). The effects of participating in creative activities on the health and well-being of children and young people: A rapid review of the literature. Perspectives in Public Health, 133(1), 44–52.	Department of Allied Health, Anglia Ruskin University, East Road, Cambridge, CB1 1 PT, UK	GBR	2013	lifestyle	Prevention	participating in creative activities	community setting (activities)	Community
6	CRD RF	200	2013	1	Lambrinos A. Home-based exercise programs in heart failure: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 21 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of heart failure	Prevention	home-based exercise programs	home setting	Home
7	CRD RF	201	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Home-based versus centre-based rehabilitation for community-dwelling postacute stroke patients: an economic rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/eviden">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/eviden</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	stroke rehabilitation	Treatment	centre-based vs home-based rehabilitation	rehabilitation centre vs home setting	Multiple
8	CRD RF	202	2015	1	Nikitovic M. Intensity of rehabilitation after hip fracture: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Apr. 17 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	rehabilitation after hip fracture	Treatment	increasing rehabilitation intensity	rehabilitation setting	Inpatient/Hospital
9	CRD RF	203	2013	1	Self-management and educational interventions in the postacute stroke population: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 23 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-strok">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-strok</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of stroke, COPD, heart failure	Prevention	self-management or educational interventions	home and community setting	Multiple
10	CRD RF	204	2015	1	Health Quality Ontario. Criteria for referral to home care: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	criteria for referring to home care services	Health Services	home care services	home care setting	Home
11	CRD RF	205	2015	1	Baidoobonso S. Effect of supportive interventions on informal caregivers of people at the end of life: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2014 December. 25 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommenda">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohnac-recommenda</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2014	palliative care	Health Services	supportive interventions	palliative care setting	Inpatient/Hospital
12	CRD RF	206	2014	1	Miani C, Ball S, Pitchforth E, Exley J, King S, Roland M, et al. Organisational interventions to reduce length of stay in hospital: a rapid evidence assessment. Health Serv Deliv Res 2014;2(52). DOI: 10.3310/hsdr02520	RAND Europe, Cambridge, UK	GBR	2014	length of stay in acute care hospitals	Health Services	various	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital

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1	patients							
2	being					none		
3	discharged					mentione		
4	from hospital	0	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none		1
5								
6	patients with	not					none	
7	CAP	mention ed	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
8								
9	patients with						none	
10	COPD	574	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
11								
12	patients with						none	
13	COPD	ca 400	> 40	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
14								
15	children 11 -						none	
16	18	ca 3500	11 to 18	m/f	funded by Lambeth PCT	not mentioned	mentione d	0
17								
18	heart failure						none	
19	patients	296	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
20								
21	postacute	not					none	
22	stroke	mention ed	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
23	patients							
24								
25	patients with						none	
26	hip fracture	0	adult	f/m	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
27								
28	post-acute						none	
29	stroke, CHF, and COPD	not mention ed	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
30	patients							
31								
32	adults	895	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none	mentione d	1
33								
34	patients at						none	
35	the end of						mentione d	
36	life	1836	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional	none		1
37								
38	acute							
39	hospital							
40	patients	142899	adult	m/f	governmental, institutional: funded by the HS&DR programme, NIHR	none	yes	0

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2					Health Quality Ontario. Exercise programs after pulmonary rehabilitation for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from:	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	COPD rehabilitation	Treatment	exercise programs	community setting (exercise)	Community
3					Health Quality Ontario. Respiratory services in home care for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from:	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	respiratory rehabilitation	Treatment	respiratory therapy	therapy setting	Outpatient
4	CRD RF	208	2015	1	<a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	rehabilitation after hip fracture	Treatment	active rehabilitation program	rehabilitation setting	Inpatient/Hospital
5					Brener S. Optimal timing to begin an active rehabilitation program after a hip fracture: a rapid review. Toronto, ON: Health Quality Ontario; 2013 Apr. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohtac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohtac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013	coronary/stroke prevention	Prevention	statin administration	community setting	Community
6					Health Quality Ontario. Physical activity counselling: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of heart failure	Prevention	exercise counselling	community setting (exercise)	Community
7	CRD RF	209	2015	1	<a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	anxiety and depression in COPD patients	Treatment	cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT)	therapy setting	Outpatient
8					Health Quality Ontario. Cognitive-behavioural therapy for anxiety and depression in patients with COPD: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 21 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of stroke	Treatment	aerobic training/cardiovascular exercise	community setting (exercise)	Community
9	CRD RF	210	2015	1	<a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	secondary prevention of heart failure	Prevention	aerobic exercise	community setting (exercise)	Community
10					Health Quality Ontario. Aerobic exercise training in patients with heart failure: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 19 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	post-acute stroke, COPD or CHF	Health Services	care coordination intervention	hospital hospital to home (discharge-setting)	Inpatient/Hospital
11					Health Quality Ontario. Care coordination for postacute stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and heart failure clients: an economic rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 20 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	Discharge procedure	Health Services	medication reconciliation	(discharge-setting)	Different/other
12					Lambrinos A. Medication reconciliation at discharge: a rapid review. Toronto: Health Quality Ontario; 2015 February. 24 p. Available from: <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/evidence-process/episodes-of-care#community-chf</a> .	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2015	acute exacerbating COPD	Treatment	in-hospital physiotherapy	hospital	Inpatient/Hospital
13	CRD RF	211	2013	1	<a href="http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohtac-recommendations/rapid-reviews">http://www.hqontario.ca/evidence/publications-and-ohtac-recommendations/rapid-reviews</a>	Health Quality Ontario, <a href="http://www.hqontario.ca">http://www.hqontario.ca</a>	CAN	2013					
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2								
3	patients with			governmental,		none		
4	stable COPD	525 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
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6	patients with	not		governmental,		none		
7	COPD or	mention		institutional	none	mentione		1
8	pneumonia	ed adult	m/f			d		
9								
9	patients with			governmental,		none		
10	respiratory	37 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
11	disease					d		
12								
12	patients with			governmental,		none		
13	hip fracture	339 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
14						d		
15								
16				governmental,		none		
17	adults	169921 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
18						d		
19								
19	patients with			governmental,		none		
20	heart failure	1628 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
21						d		
22		not						
22	patients with	mention		governmental,		none		
23	COPD	ed adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
24						d		
25	postacute							
26	stroke			governmental,		none		
27	patients	399 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
28						d		
29								
29	patients with			governmental,		none		
30	heart failure	3662 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
31						d		
31	post-acute							
32	stroke,					none		
32	COPD, or			governmental,		mentione		
33	CHF	0 -	f/m	institutional	none	d		1
34	being							
35	discharged,							
35	receiving			governmental,		none		
36	medication	2447 adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
37	patients with					d		
38	acute	not						
38	exacerbating	mention		governmental,		none		
39	COPD	ed adult	m/f	institutional	none	mentione		1
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thrombolytics  
administration

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1								
2	patients with					none		
3	ischaemic			governmental,		mentione		
4	stroke	6288 adult	m/f	institutional	none	d		1

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**Characteristics of stakeholder involvement in systematic and rapid reviews:  
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**Supplementary Table S2:**

**Characteristics of the study population by type of included review**

	<b>Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>Non-Cochrane SR (%)</b>	<b>RR (%)</b>	<b>CRD RR (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Setting</b>					
Hospital setting, inpatients	7 (23)	1 (3)	8 (27)	10 (33)	26 (22)
Outpatients	9 (30)	9 (30)	7 (23)	4 (13)	29 (24)
Home setting	0	3 (10)	0	3 (10)	6 (5)
Community setting	5 (17)	10 (33)	13 (43)	7 (23)	35 (29)
Multiple	9 (30)	5 (17)	0	4 (13)	18 (15)
Other	0	2 (7)	2 (7)	2 (7)	6 (5)
<b>Population size<sup>1</sup></b>					
Median (range)	733 (0; 390,769)	2,846.5 (36; 4,650,877)	2,717 (102; 1,700,000)	349.5 (0; 372,746)	1,622 (0; 4,650,877)
<b>Population type</b>					
Patients with disease/condition	18 (60)	18 (60)	20 (67)	26 (87)	82 (68)
Healthy population	9 (30)	8 (27)	9 (30)	3 (10)	29 (24)
Other	3 (10)	4 (13)	1 (3)	1 (3)	9 (8)
<b>Age range (yrs)</b>					
Adults (>18)	20 (67)	14 (47)	13 (43)	25 (83)	72 (60)



Adolescents (13-18)	2 (7)	1 (3)	1 (3)	1 (3)	5 (4)
Children (0-12)	3 (10)	1 (3)	1 (3)	0	5 (4)
Youth (0-18)	1 (3)	2 (7)	0	0	3 (3)
Other subgroups	1 (3)	6 (20)	2 (7)	3 (10)	12 (10)
Population	3 (10)	6 (20)	13 (43)	1 (3)	23 (19)
<b>Sex</b>					
Females and males	29 (97)	28 (93)	24 (80)	30 (100)	111 (93)
Females only	1 (3)	1 (3)	4 (13)	0	6 (5)
Males only	0	1 (3)	2 (7)	0	3 (3)

CRD: University of York, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination; RR: rapid review; SR: systematic review; WHO: World Health Organisation

<sup>1</sup> Zero means that there were no participants mentioned or included in the review.