

Supplementary file 2. Open-ended questions for facilitating semi-structured questionnaire

1. Do you think that systematic reviews are original studies?

If the answer to #1 is no:

2. Do you feel the same about any type of systematic review, or there are certain types of systematic reviews that you could consider “more original” compared to others, for example if a systematic review has a meta-analysis?

3. In your opinion, what elements of originality are missing in systematic reviews, to be considered original studies?

4. Can any secondary study be considered as an original research study, or only primary studies should be considered original research studies?

5. In your opinion, what is the value of systematic reviews?

6. Should clinical decisions be made based on systematic reviews or primary studies?

If the answer to #1 is yes:

7. Do you feel any different regarding the type of evidence synthesis, for example systematic review with or without meta-analysis, scoping systematic review, overviews of systematic reviews... or you think any type of systematic review should be considered an original study?

8. What do you think that makes a systematic review original study?

9. Are there any elements of methodology that definitely make systematic reviews original?

10. In your opinion, what is the value of systematic reviews?

11. Should clinical decisions be made based on systematic reviews or primary studies?