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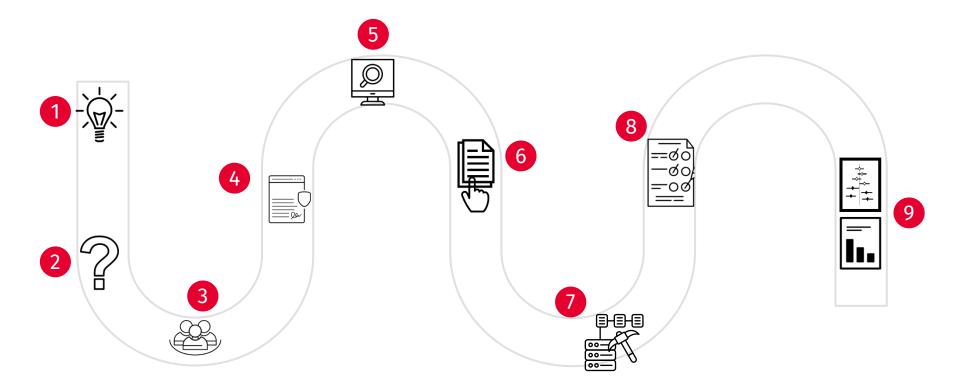
b Universität Bern Tips for successfully leading your team in a systemic review



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## *u*<sup>b</sup> Systematic reviews

A Systematic Review identifies and synthesizes all the available evidence from carefully designed healthcare studies pertaining to a specific research question.



# Successfully leading your team in a systemic review

Example of team structure in a **Systematic** review:

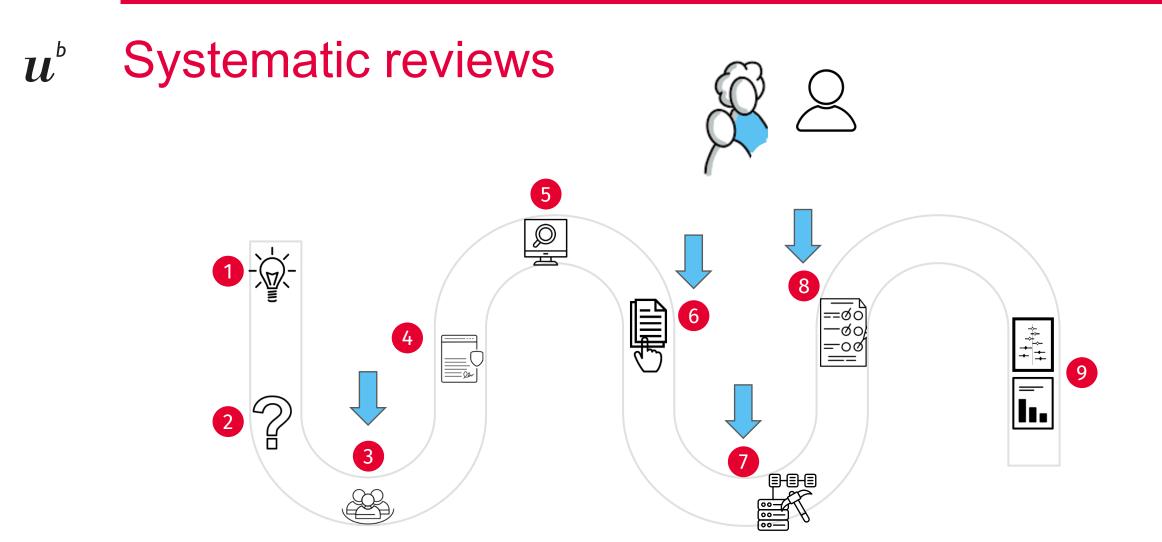
Subject experts (beginners)

Librarian

Statistician

Project manager





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### Project management.

The expected time of publication is critical for planning.

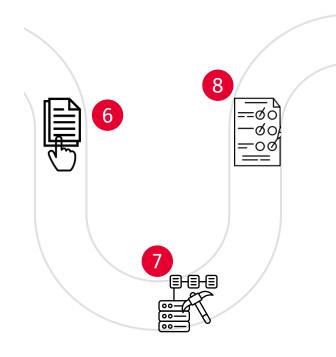
It is considered that the implementation of the search strategy should be updated after 6 - 12 months.

Keep the team motivated and meeting deadlines

## *u*<sup>b</sup> Systematic reviews

### Possible pitfalls

- 1. Excluding useful articles
- 2. Lack of accountability (reasons for inclusion/exclusion, numbers)
- 3. Extracting and registering wrong information
- 4. Poor risk of bias assessment
- 5. Other?



### 1. How to avoid the exclusion of useful articles?

### Train your team

Choose some clear examples of abstracts to include and exclude.

Screening

Title abstract – sensitivity

Full text – specificity



Create a **short protocol** with the aim, inclusion and exclusion criteria and a brief **manual** user of the **software**.

## 1. How to avoid the exclusion of useful articles? Short protocol

#### Short protocol

Scoping review of telehealth for self-care in women's sexual and reproductive health

Objective: The objective of this scoping review is to understand the extent and type of evidence in relation to telehealth in the field of self-care for sexual and reproductive health in women.

#### Eligibility criteria

#### Inclusion criteria:

- 1. Studies in women of all ages, including transgender women.
- 2. Studies that include telehealth and self-care concepts in the field of sexual and reproductive health. Self-care practices include those that women can take on their own toward the goals of self-management, self-testing, and self-awareness.
- 3. Qualitative or quantitative, either observational or experimental.
- 4. Articles in English, Spanish, Portuguese, or French.
- 5. Reports of primary studies and reviews (e.g. meta-analysis, systematic or narrative)

#### Exclusion criteria:

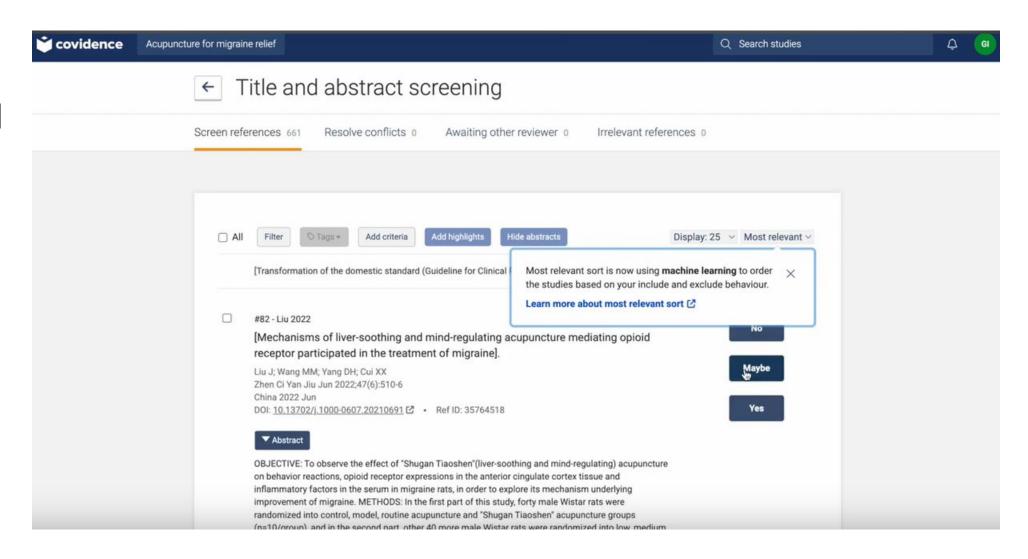
- 1. Articles with no disaggregated data on women
- 2. Commentaries, letters to editor, congress abstracts, and opinion papers.
- 3. Articles that did not clearly stated in the aim the intention of study/ integrate information on telehealth and self-care in reproductive sexual health.

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### 1. How to avoid the exclusion of useful articles?

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PICO portal

Many more options



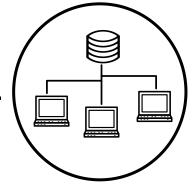
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# 2. How to be accountable during the systematic review process?

### **Centralize**

Team members identifying **relevant articles** through other sources should create a list of articles in a format (BibTeX, EndNote, etc.)

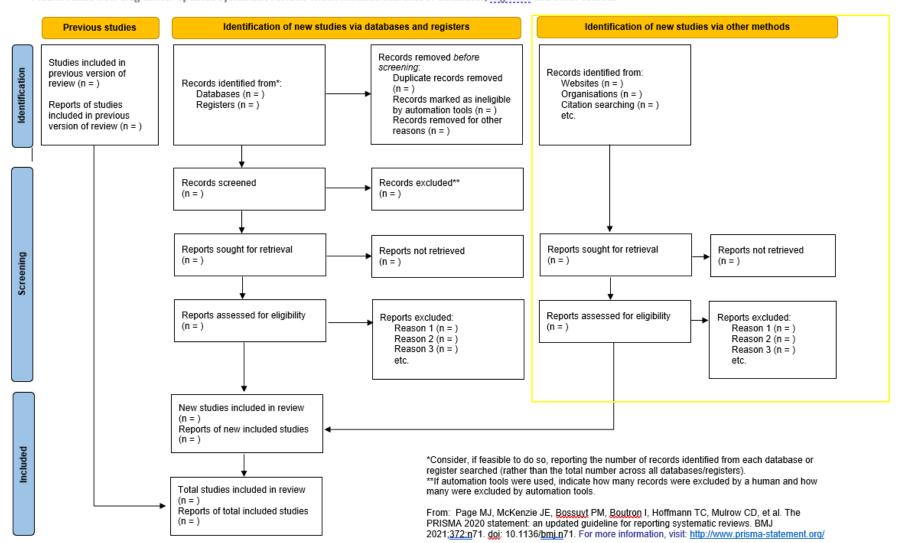
Facilitates comparison with the articles already screened.



Check the requirements of the **target journal** and **PRISMA** flowchart.

## $u^b$ 2. How to be accountable during the systematic review process?

PRISMA 2020 flow diagram for updated systematic reviews which included searches of databases, registers and other sources



## $u^b$ 3. How to capture the right information?

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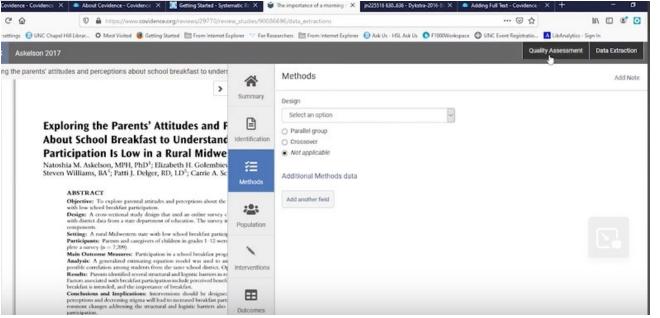
Create a **standardized** data extraction format (REDcap, Google forms or any of the available software)

Highlight the information extracted in the PDF

Check at least the data extraction of the first **three articles** assigned to your reviewers, look for mistakes in the units, association or impact measures (register original units – uniform transformation)

## $u^b$ 3. How to capture right information?

Author	Year	Country	Sample Size	Cases	Sex	women/total	Age measure	Age value	Variabilit Y measure	Age variabilit y measure
Corella D et al	2014	Spain	7187	268	3	4124/7187	Mean	67	SD	6.2
Chen Z et al.	2015	China	334	159	3	159/334	Mean	65.6	SD	8.4
Shin C et al.	2015	Korea	8465	121	3	4451/8465	Median	52.3	IQR	9
Juan J et al.,	2017	China	2158	1007	3	901/2158	Median	57.65	Range	8.8
Zhao M et al.	2017	China	20424	621	3	12072/20424	Mean	60	SD	7.5
Rutten-Jacobs Let al.	2018	UK	306473	2613	3	169819/306473	Mean	56.7	SD	7.9
Fumeron F et al,	1995	France	1332	608	1	0/1332	Mean	53.1	SD	8.5



## $u^{\flat}$ 4. How to perform a fair risk of bias assessment?

Depend on the type of articles included on the review Several options of quality/risk of bias assessment tools

Selection bias

Information bias

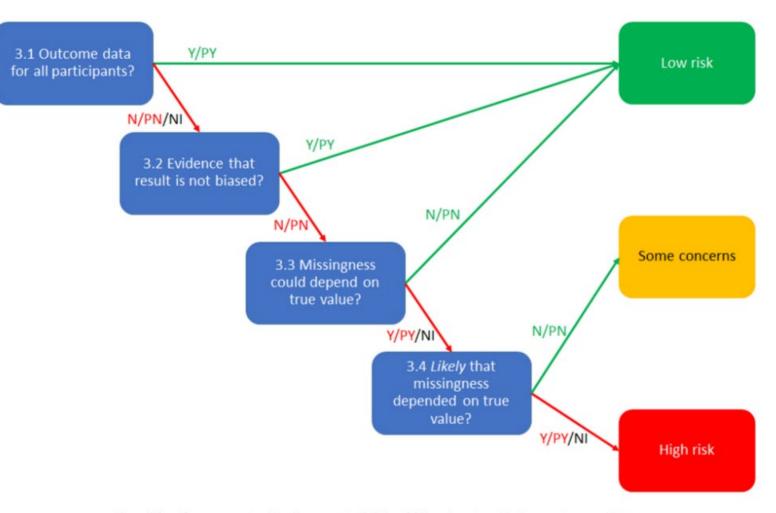
Confounding

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## $u^b$ 4. How to perform a fair risk of bias assessment?

Homogeneous criteria

Risk-of-bias tool for randomized trials (RoB 2)



Algorithm for suggested judgement of risk of bias due to missing outcome data

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