Section and Topic	Item	Page	Checklist Item			
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION						
Title						
Identification	1a	1	Identify the report as a protocol of a systematic review			
Update	1b	NA	If the protocol is for an update of a previous systematic review, identify as such			
Registration	2	NA	If registered, provide the name of the registry (such as PROSPERO) and registration number			
Authors						
Contact	3a	1	Provide name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address of all protocol authors; provide physical mailing address of corresponding author			
Contributions	3b	1	Describe contributions of protocol authors and identify the guarantor of the review			
Amendments	4	NA	If the protocol represents an amendment of a previously completed or published protocol, identify as such and list changes; otherwise, state plan for documenting important protocol amendments			
Support			•			
Sources	5a	1	Indicate sources of financial or other support for the review			
Sponsor	5b	NA	Provide name for the review funder and/or sponsor			
Role of sponsor or funder	5c	NA	Describe roles of funder(s), sponsor(s), and/or institution(s), if any, in developing the protocol			
INTRODUCTION						
Rationale	6	4-5	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known			
Objectives	7	5	Provide an explicit statement of the question(s) the review will address with reference to participants, interventions, comparators, and outcomes (PICO)			
MEDIODG			•			
METHODS Eligibility criteria	8	5	Consider the study shows to visit as (such as DICO study			
Information sources	9	5-6	Specify the study characteristics (such as PICO, study design, setting, time frame) and report characteristics (such as years considered, language, publication status) to be used as criteria for eligibility for the review Describe all intended information sources (such as electronic databases, contact with study authors, trial registers or other grey literature sources) with planned			
Search strategy	10	5-6	dates of coverage Present draft of search strategy to be used for at least one electronic database, including planned limits, such that it could be repeated			
Study records Data management	11a	NA	Describe the mechanism(s) that will be used to manage			
Selection process	11b	6-7	records and data throughout the review State the process that will be used for selecting studies (such as two independent reviewers) through each phase of the review (that is, screening, eligibility and inclusion			
Data collection process	11c	7	in meta-analysis)  Describe planned method of extracting data from reports (such as piloting forms, done independently, in duplicate), any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators			

Data items	12	7	List and define all variables for which data will be
			sought (such as PICO items, funding sources), any pre-
			planned data assumptions and simplifications
Outcomes and	13	7	List and define all outcomes for which data will be
prioritization			sought, including prioritization of main and additional
			outcomes, with rationale
Risk of bias in individual	14	7	Describe anticipated methods for assessing risk of bias of
studies			individual studies, including whether this will be done at
			the outcome or study level, or both; state how this
			information will be used in data synthesis
Data synthesis	15a	7-8	Describe criteria under which study data will be
			quantitatively synthesised
	15b	8	If data are appropriate for quantitative synthesis, describe
			planned summary measures, methods of handling data
			and methods of combining data from studies, including
			any planned exploration of consistency (such as I <sup>2</sup> ,
			Kendall's $\tau$ )
	15c	7-8	Describe any proposed additional analyses (such as
			sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression)
	15d	NA	If quantitative synthesis is not appropriate, describe the
			type of summary planned
Meta-bias(es)	16	NA	Specify any planned assessment of meta-bias(es) (such
			as publication bias across studies, selective reporting
			within studies)
Confidence in cumulative	17	8-9	Describe how the strength of the body of evidence will
evidence			be assessed (such as GRADE)

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