



HSRPP Abstract Judging Criteria

'Marking Grid' for Abstracts

Qualitative and quantitative studies

Score	0	1	2
Title			
Does the title fully represent the study?	Study not identified or study represented but not fully.	Study fully represented	
Aims			
Are the aims clearly stated?	Aims not presented or presented but not entirely clear	Aims clearly presented	
Design and Methodology			
Is the design appropriate?	Design seems appropriate although other methods may have been better	Design seems entirely appropriate to the research question	
Is the method clearly described?	Method not described	Method described to a limited extent but all aspects of method not entirely clear	Method clearly and unequivocally described
Results			
Have the results (both positive and negative) been described clearly?	No findings are mentioned	Findings mentioned but unclear or not well described	Findings clearly identified and well described.
Conclusions			
Are the results discussed fully with implications for practice research and/ or policy?	Implications of the research results are not discussed	Implications not clear or not well discussed	Clear implications for practice, research or policy discussed

Total Score: /9

	Good reason for outright rejection
	Possible reason for rejection
	Good reason for acceptance

Systematic Reviews

Score	0	1	2
Title			
Does the title fully represent the study?	Study not identified or represented but not fully.	Identified as a systematic review, meta-analysis, or both.	
Objectives			
Are the aims and research question clearly stated?	Aims not presented or presented but not entirely clear	Aims clearly presented in PICO format (participants, interventions, comparators, and outcomes)	
Design and Methodology			
Is the method clearly described?	Method not described	Method described to a limited extent but all aspects of method not entirely clear	Method clearly and unequivocally described (eligibility criteria, information sources, risk of bias)
Results			
Have the results (both positive and negative) been described clearly?	No findings are mentioned	Findings mentioned but unclear or not well described	Number and type of included studies and participants and relevant characteristics of studies. All main outcomes and measures reported. <i>If empty review, explains the significance of the findings</i>
Discussion			
Are the implications of results discussed fully with implications for practice research and/or policy?	Implications of the research results are not discussed	Implications not clear or not well discussed.	Clear implications for practice, research or policy discussed.
Are the strengths and limitations of evidence discussed?	No discussion of strengths and limitations of evidence	Strengths and limitations of evidence identified. (e.g., inconsistency, imprecision, indirectness, or risk of bias, other supporting/ conflicting evidence). <i>If empty review, explains the importance of the review.</i>	

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Disclaimer – Final decision is based on the abstract as a whole. The HSRPP committee will not enter into discussion on their final decisions.