

Users' Guides to the Medical Literature: A Manual for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice, 3rd ed >The Process of a Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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Users' Guides for Credibility of the Systematic Review Process

- Did the Review Explicitly Address a Sensible Clinical Question?
- Was the Search for Relevant Studies Detailed and Exhaustive?
- Was the Risk of Bias of the Primary Studies Assessed?
- Did the Review Address Possible Explanations of Between-Study Differences in Results?
- Did the Review Present Results That Are Ready for Clinical Application?
- Were Selection and Assessments of Studies Reproducible?
- Did the Review Address Confidence in Effect Estimates?

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