GUIDELINES FOR SYSTEMATIC REVIEW/ META - ANALYSIS

SCORE GUIDE (To be used by the Referee/Reviewer)

Not Given/Not Relevant	0
Below Standard	1
Average	2
Satisfactory	3
Good	4
Excellent	5
Not Applicable	NA

Manuscript Reg. No Reviewer's Name

Part No.	Description of the Part of Manuscript titled:	Score
1.	TITLE 1. Accurate 2. Effective 3. Represents	
2.	ABSTRACT 1. Size of abstract (250)	
3.	A) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE B) FUNDING SOURCES ACKNOWLEDGED	
4.	INTRODUCTION 1. If Start Relevant	
5.	AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY Are clearly statedAre addressed in the study	

Pa rt No	Description of the Part of Manuscript	Score
6.	Material and Methods 1. Criteria for considering studies for review mentioned 2. Flow diagram of range of studies appropriate 3. Criteria for types of participants mentioned 4. Justification for types of participants mentioned 5. Criteria for types of interventions mentioned 6. Criteria for outcome measures mentioned 7. Justifications for outcome measures mentioned 8. Search strategy mentioned a) initial search b) full search c) search of reference list d) hand searching e) gray literature searching 9. timelines for database search mentioned 10. Statement about assessment included 11. Assessment of methodological quality 12. Data extraction procedure a) Data extraction tool mentioned b) Inclusion/exclusion criteria mentioned 13. Data synthesis procedures a) software mentioned b) statistical methods(if applicable)	
7. 8.	Results and analysis of results 1. Presentation of results clear	
9.	Conclusions	

	1. Conclusions justified by the results/findings	
	2. Conclusions relevant to the aims and objectives of the	
	study	
	3. Conclusions based on critical argument	
10.	Written English	
	1. Spellings	
	2. Grammar	
11.	Appendices (if applicable)	
11.	a) Critical appraisal forms	
	b) Data extraction forms	
	c) Table of included studies	
	,	
	d) Table of excluded studies	
	e) Justification of excluded studies	
REPORT (State clearly approved-advised revision rejected)	