Abstract 63

General Information

Title : Mrs.
FirstName : Vasumathi
LastName : Sriganesh
Email ID : vasu@qmedkf.org.in
InstituteName :
Department :
Address : A-3 Shubham Centre, Cardinal Gracious Road, Chakala, Andheri East, Mumbai 400099
City/Zipcode : Mumbai / 400099
State : Maharashtra
Country : India
PhoneNo : 2240054474
Mobile No : 9867292230

Abstract Information

Abstract Title : Systematic reviews in Indian publications. How many are really systematic reviews?
Abstract : Systematic reviews in Indian publications. How many are really systematic reviews?

Background:
A systematic review (also termed systematic literature review or structured literature review) is a literature review focused on a research question that tries to identify, appraise, select and synthesize all high quality research evidence relevant to that question. This study is an attempt to find out how many Indian publications are described as systematic reviews in their titles, but are not truly systematic reviews. Such studies may mislead those searching for evidence and we hope to sensitize both authors and researchers to identify true systematic reviews.

Methods:
A PubMed search will be carried out with a search strategy that will find the term “systematic review” in the title. The search will be limited to Indian publications. Every item thus located will be checked to see if the topic is broad or narrow, if the study includes a meta-analysis, a clear description of the search strategy to locate primary research studies, and if the overall methodology indicates rigour as these are what differentiate a systematic review from other reviews.

Results:
Results are awaited

Conclusions:
Systematic reviews are important sources of evidence. If a literature search for systematic reviews retrieves too many false hits, it does not help. Authors submitting such publications, need to be educated about what exactly a systematic review is and how they should describe their publications correctly. This also helps researchers and those looking for evidence to retrieve systematic reviews with more precision.