

# PRISMA-ScR

## ITEM 20: LIMITATIONS

Summarize the main results (including an overview of concepts, themes, and types of evidence available), link to the review questions and objectives, and consider the relevance to key groups.

Title	1	Title
Abstract	2	Structured summary
Introduction	3	Rationale
	4	Objectives
Methods	5	Protocol and registration
	6	Eligibility criteria
	7	Information sources
	8	Search
	9	Selection of sources of evidence
	10	Data charting process
	11	Data items
	12	Critical appraisal of individual sources of evidence
	13	Synthesis of results
	Results	14
15		Characteristics of sources evidence
16		Critical appraisal within sources of evidence
17		Results of individual sources of evidence
18		Synthesis of results
Discussion	19	Summary of evidence
	<b>20</b>	<b>Limitations</b>
	21	Conclusions
Funding	22	Funding



### Tips for developing this item:

- Focus on limitations of the review process as well as the extent of information uncovered
- Make note of any deviations from guidelines or the protocol along with rationales and their potential effect on the results

### Example:

*“Our scoping review has some limitations. To make our review more feasible, we were only able to include a random sample of rapid reviews from websites of rapid review producers. Further adding to this issue is that many rapid reviews contain proprietary information and are not publicly available. As such, our results are only likely generalizable to rapid reviews that are publicly available. Furthermore, this scoping review was an enormous undertaking and our results are only up to date as of May 2013.”*

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