Indicate whether a review protocol exists; state if and where it can be accessed (for example, a Web address); and if available, provide registration information, including the registration number.

Tips for reporting this item:

- Must be developed a priori, and include information on how the protocol was developed
- Provide explicit details on how to access the protocol, including information on how to obtain a protocol that is not publicly available
- Cite the original review when performing an update of an existing review

Example:

“Our protocol was drafted using the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analysis Protocols (PRISMA-P…), which was revised by the research team and members of Health Canada, and was disseminated through our programme’s Twitter account (@KT-Canada) and newsletter to solicit additional feedback. The final protocol was registered prospectively with the Open Science Framework on 6 September 2016 (https://osf.io/kv9hu/).”