

# PRISMA-ScR

## ITEM 7: INFORMATION SOURCES

Describe all information sources in the search (for example, databases with dates of coverage and contact with authors to identify additional sources), as well as the date the most recent search was executed.

Title	1	Title
Abstract	2	Structured summary
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### Tips for reporting this item:

- Ensure a comprehensive literature search is done, which may include both published and difficult to locate or unpublished (sometimes called “gray”) literature
- Report all information sources (published and gray) included in the search
- Report the date the literature search was last executed to show how current the information within the review is
- Provide a detailed description of whether the search was supplemented with scanning of reference lists of relevant reviews, hand-searching key journals, etc.

### Example:

*“To identify potentially relevant documents, the following bibliographic databases were searched from 2004 to June 2015: MEDLINE, EMBASE, LexisNexis Academic, the Legal Scholarship Network, Justis, LegalTrac, QuickLaw, and HeinOnline. The search strategies were drafted by an experienced librarian [name] and further refined through team discussion. The final search strategy for MEDLINE can be found in Additional file 3. The final search results were exported into EndNote, and duplicates were removed by a library technician. The electronic database search was supplemented by searching the Canadian Medical Protective Association website (<https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en>) and scanning relevant reviews.”*

Cardoso R, Zarin W, Nincic V, Barber SL, Gulmezoglu AM, Wilson C, et al. Evaluative reports on medical malpractice policies in obstetrics: a rapid scoping review. *Syst Rev.* 2017;6:181. [PMID: 28874176] doi:10.1186/s13643-017-0569-5

