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**What we want**  
**Checklist for CME systematic reviews**

	PRESENT	INCOMPLETE	ABSENT
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>			
Background and context are presented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question addressed is clearly stated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Population to which it will be applied is presented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intervention is clearly defined	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outcome studied is described precisely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>METHODS</b>			
Search strategies used to identify relevant articles are described	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Databases searched are presented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Key words (MeSH) are listed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary references are cited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Methods for including or excluding articles in the analysis are described explicitly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SYNTHESIS</b>			
Validity of the primary studies cited is assessed according to critical appraisal principles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information from primary studies is integrated systematically	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variation in findings is explained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rationale for the analysis is clear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>			
New information discovered is presented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variation between the studies is discussed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effect of variation on final results is discussed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aspect of unpublished, unretrieved literature is noted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Findings are compared with existing literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limitations are presented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future directions for research are indicated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CONCLUSION</b>			
Is supported by evidence provided in the article	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A take-home message is provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REFERENCES</b>			
Are relevant, current, complete, and accurate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>