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Methods:	In 2005, at a 3-day meeting in Ottawa (Canada), 29 participants (review authors, methodologists, clinicians, medical editors, and a consumer) revised and expanded the QUOROM checklist and flow diagram, as needed. Prior to the meeting, the executive committee completed a systematic review of studies examining the quality of reporting of systematic reviews, and a comprehensive literature search to identify methodological and other articles that might inform the meeting, especially in relation to modifying checklist items. An international survey of review authors, consumers, and groups commissioning or using systematic reviews and meta-analyses was completed. The survey aimed to ascertain views of QUOROM, including the merits of the existing checklist items. Only items deemed essential were retained or added to the checklist. Shortly after the meeting, a draft of the PRISMA checklist was circulated to the group, including those invited to the meeting but unable to attend. A disposition file was created containing comments and revisions from each respondent, and the checklist was subsequently revised 11 times. The group approved the checklist, flow diagram, and summary paper.
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