

Narrative Review Checklist

Section/Topic	Item No	Item	Reported on Page Number/Line Number	Reported on Section/Paragraph
TITLE				
Title	1	Identify the report as a Narrative Review or Literature Review.		
ABSTRACT				
Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary with the subsections as: objective, background, methods, conclusion (1).		
INTRODUCTION				
Rationale/background	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.		
Objectives	4	Specify the key question(s) identified for the review topic.		
METHODS				
Research selection	5	Specify the process for identifying the literature search (eg, years considered, language, publication status, study design, and databases of coverage).		
DISCUSSION/SUMMARY				
Narrative	6	Discuss: 1) research reviewed including fundamental or key findings, 2) limitations and/or quality of research reviewed, and 3) need for future research.		
Summary	7	Provide an overall interpretation of the narrative review in the context of clinical practice for health professionals, policy development and implementation, or future research.		

Reference

- Green BN, Johnson CD, Adams A. Writing narrative literature reviews for peer-reviewed journals: secrets of the trade. J Sports Chiropr Rehabil 2001;15:5–19.