

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

1. 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.