

Narrative Review Checklist

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Title	1	Identify the report as a Narrative Review or Literature Review.	Page 1/ line 1-2	Title
ABSTRACT				
Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary with the subsections as: Background and Objective, Methods, Key Content and Findings, Conclusions.	Page 2/ lines 1-23	Abstract
INTRODUCTION				
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Objectives	4	Specify the key question(s) identified for the review topic.	Page 3/lines 15-18	Introduction/paragraph 3
METHODS				
Research selection	5	Specify the process for identifying the literature search (eg, years considered, language, publication status, study design, and databases of coverage).	Page 3/lines 20-23	Methods, Table 1
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.	1) Page 4-10/ lines 1-19 2) page 10/ lines 20-27 3) page 10-11/ lines 28-6	1) main body Sections: Limbal epithelial stem cell Limbal stem cell niche Etiology of LSCD Symptom sign of LSCD Diagnosis of LSCD Medical and surgical treatment of LSCD 2) main body/ Section: limitation of the review 3) main body/ Section: Conclusions
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.	Page 10-11/lines 28-6	Conclusions

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