

TABLE 1

	Yes	No	Can't answer	Not applicable
<b>1. Was an 'a priori' design provided?</b>	100%			
<b>2. Was there duplicate study selection and data extraction?</b>	78.89%	16.67%	3.33%	1.11%
<b>3. Was a comprehensive literature search performed</b>	83.33%		16.67%	
<b>4. Was the status of publication (i.e. grey literature) used as an inclusion criterion?</b>	100%			
<b>5. Was a list of studies (included and excluded) provided</b>	66.67%	33.33%		
<b>6. Were the characteristics of the included studies provided?</b>	91.11%	8.89%		
<b>7. Was the scientific quality of the included studies assessed and documented?</b>	92.22%	7.78%		
<b>8. Was the scientific quality of the included studies used appropriately in formulating conclusions?</b>	70%	30%		
<b>9. Were the methods used to combine the findings of studies appropriate?</b>	78.89%		8.89%	12.22%
<b>10. Was the likelihood of publication bias assessed?</b>	55.56%	41.11%	3.33%	
<b>11. Was the conflict of interest stated?</b>	48.89%	51.11%		