What type of review is right for you?

Do you want to gather all the evidence on a particular research topic?

Yes

No → Literature (Narrative) Review

Do you have 3 or more people to work on the review?

Yes

No → More intensive reviews usually require a multi-person team for unbiased article screening

Do you have 12-18 months to complete a review?

Yes

No → Rapid Review

Do you have a broad topic or multiple research questions?

Yes → Scoping Review

No

Do you want to review other published systematic reviews on your topic

Yes → Umbrella Review

No

Do you have a well-formulated research question?

Yes → Systematic Review

No → Systematic reviews are conducted in an unbiased, reproducible way to provide evidence for practice and policy-making and to identify gaps in research. They require a well-formulated research question.

Will you use statistical methods to objectively evaluate, synthesize, and summarize results?

Yes → Meta-Analysis

No → A meta-analysis will not be needed