| Review Characteristics | Literature Review | Scoping Review | Systematic Review |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Research team ¹ | No | Usually | Yes |
| Predefined Protocol | No | No | Yes |
| Abstract | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Introduction | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Methods include Search methodology (allowing search to be replicable) | Rarely | Yes | Yes |
| Filtering (Study selection using inclusion/exclusion criteria) | No | Yes | Yes |
| Data extraction | No | Yes | Yes |
| Charts data into themes | No | Yes | No |
| Meta-analysis | No | No | Optional ² |
| Results | Rarely | Yes | Yes |
| Discussion/Conclusion | Yes | Yes | Yes |

¹ Team includes primary investigator(s) who develop and implement study selection and synthesize the results. The team may also include specialists such as statisticians and librarians.

² A meta-analysis is a statistical method used to combine the data from various studies. This is often done as part of a systematic review but is not allows a result of the systematic review process.