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1. **Purpose/Goals**: Program's purpose/goals are clearly defined.

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1. **Problem Statement**: Statement of the problem and study significance is provided.

2. **Purpose**: Study purposes are clearly defined.

3. **Methods**: Methodology (design, sampling and intervention) is outlined and appropriate for the study.

4. **Results**: Results including data analysis (or plan for analysis) are presented.

5. **Conclusions**: Conclusions (or preliminary findings) are supported by the results and stated clearly.

6. IRB approval is required for all studies involving human subjects or animals.

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2. **Search Strategy/Selection Criteria**: Explicit methods for identifying, selecting and critically appraising relevant research are included.

3. **Data Collection and Analysis**: Methods used to collect and analyse data from the studies included in the review are presented.

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5. **Conclusions**: Findings, type of evidence and recommendations are highlighted.

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