

## Doing a non-systematic review

To produce a non-systematic stand-alone review we have to work through the following steps:

### Non-systematic reviews – the steps

<b>1</b>	<b>Formulate the research question</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Find a question that will give focus and direction to your thinking; one that will guide you as you structure and analyse your sources.</i>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Screening – the inclusion and exclusion criteria</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Translate the research question into inclusion and exclusion criteria.</i>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Searching the literature</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>This needs to be as rigorous and transparent as you can make it, so that others can see exactly what you have done and repeat it if necessary.</i>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Synthesising</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>First, critically evaluate the methodological quality of the studies and the impact this has on the interpretation of the findings.</i></li> <li>• <i>Second, synthesise the various studies to lay the foundations for your own conclusions.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Writing the review</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b>	<b>Editing</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b>	<b>Citing your sources</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For more information, see *How to Write Your Literature Review*, Chapter 1.