Aim:
To develop methodological guidance, publication standards and training resources for realist and meta-narrative review.

Design:
Mixed-method study comprising:
• Literature review
• Online Delphi panel
• Real-time engagement with teams undertaking reviews

Method:

- **Work package 1**: Literature review
  - Seminal papers
  - Database search
  - Snowballing
  - Thematic summary

- **Work package 2**: Online Delphi panel of experts
  - Discussion
  - Drafting
  - Ranking
  - X 3 rounds
  - Draft standards and training resources

- **Work package 3**: Support for ongoing reviews
  - Support / guidance
  - Piloting
  - Feedback
  - Fishbowl panel

Outputs:
1. Quality standards and methodological guidance for researchers, peer reviewers, students and supervisors.
2. ‘RAMESES’ statement of publication standards.
3. Training resources.