Step 1. Locate existing SR(s)

Existing SR(s)?

Yes

Step 2. Assess relevance
   - Questions
   - Methods
   - Search dates

Relevant SR(s)?

Yes

Step 3. Assess quality of existing SR(s)

Sufficient Quality?

No

Step 4. Determine appropriate use and incorporate existing SR(s)

AND

Step 5. Report methods and results from using existing SR(s)

No

Stop. Proceed with SR of primary evidence
Use “almost” relevant SRs to frame and provide context (Contextual Use)
Scan References of “almost” relevant SRs to check new search results

Scan references, check new search results

Use existing search

Use existing data abstraction, study-level risk of bias assessments and/or synthesis

Use complete review