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Title: Risk Factors for Addiction Among Patients Receiving Prescribed Opioids: A Systematic Review Protocol

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1. Please reference PRISMA guidelines under methods section and provide page numbers to the checklist in Appendix E.

2. Please reference the POTS criteria

3. System level risk factors are mentioned, however, it is unclear what these are even with the figure. Please clarify

4. Under the population heading there is information relating to sensitivity analysis and other statistical analysis. Please remove this and add to its own heading. This is not relevant to the inclusion criteria for the population.

5. Why are RCTs included for a risk factor systematic review? What information will you be extracting from RCTs for risk?

6. The data synthesis section requires more information. Will you be using odds ratios for the meta-analysis? What are the thresholds for heterogeneity?

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