11.3 The scoping review and summary of the evidence

This section provides further guidance on the components that should comprise the final report of a scoping review and the information that each component should contain. It illustrates how each component of the review is to be managed in the scoping reviews analytical module of JBI’s System for the Unified Management, Assessment and Review of Information (SUMARI) software. For authors submitting to JBI Evidence Synthesis, please refer closely to the author guidelines available on the JBI Evidence Synthesis website.

Specifically, guidance is provided on the following components: outline of the review, inclusion criteria (i.e. PCC), search strategy, extraction, presenting and summarizing the results, and any potential implications of the findings for research and practice. For a traditional systematic review, while deviations from a published review protocol are rare, due to the more iterative nature of a scoping review, some changes may be necessary. These must still be clearly detailed and justified in the methods section of the scoping review if and when they occur.

Please note that more detailed guidance for the conduct of scoping reviews is outlined in the protocol section of this chapter.