{Subject under “Investigation”}  
– A Scoping Review

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**Abstract.** The abstract should not be a teaser to catch the reader’s interest. It summarizes the research question. Methods: It describes the search and selection process. Results: It quantifies the results. Conclusion: And it mentions the main findings.

**Keywords.** Keyword, keyword

# Introduction

Please introduce your topic and explain, why a new scoping review is necessary.

The section should formulate a clear goal of the scoping review / research question.

# Methods

The inclusion criteria define the concepts/terms, context/setting, and types of papers which will be considered in the search.

The search strategy is described by sources and search-terms and sometimes comprises several iterations (preliminary search, main search, additional sources). The selection strategy will apply the inclusion criteria on the list of found papers and resolve any discussions among reviewers.

Finally, please describe the data extraction process according to the categories induced by the research question.

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**Figure 1.** Short caption.

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| **Column1** | **Column2** | **Column3** |
| –10.2 | 10.2 | 10.2 |
| 5.36 | 6.32 | 6.32 |
| –5.7 | 5.7 | 0.326 |

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# Results

The results section first gives an overview on the selection process, typically including also an attrition diagram/flowchart.

The main part will be the results from the data extraction process, e.g. as table, map or another overview. It is important, that the categories (e.g. columns) will be clearly described. A narrative description of the (main) findings will complement the graphical overview.

# Discussion

The findings should be critically discussed and compared to other publications.

The limitations should be clear, e.g. problems in the sources, the selection process or the quality of papers especially from grey literature or found by following the references.

# Conclusions

The conclusion should not only answer the research question. I t should summarize the main finings and yield recommendations for future research.

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