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The title summarizes the thematic core of the article.					
The title helps attract readers to the article.					
The title indicates that the work is a type of literature review (systematic review, critical interpretative synthesis, meta-synthesis, meta-ethnography, etc.).					
The abstract is understandable without having to read the whole article.					
The abstract is precise, coherent and concise.					
The abstract presents all - and exclusively - the key elements of the article (problem, question/hypothesis or objective, method, results and conclusions).					



The keywords are appropriate.

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Introduction. Please provide your assessment of the following statements, with 1 representing “strongly disagree” and 5 representing “strongly agree”:

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This section is appropriate for the type of article.

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It includes a presentation and contextualization of the problem that is concise and clearly presented.					
It justifies the research that has been carried out.					
It presents its conceptual references and relevant literature in a concise way, including both historical and current (last three years) references.					
It clearly and explicitly states its objective as well as its question or hypothesis.					

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	Yes	No
Epistemological basis or approach to the review.		
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Description of the researcher's background (if relevant or if it has influenced the findings).		
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The presentation of the findings from the literature review corresponds to what can be expected from the analysis process that was carried out.					

The findings are presented in an organized, clear and relevant way in accordance with the problem, the question and the objectives used in the research.					
Citations from primary studies in the field are included to illustrate and substantiate the identified themes or codes.					

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The discussion of the findings goes beyond the mere summary of existing studies.					
The discussion follows rigorously on from the findings without adding new elements that are not clearly supported by the findings.					
The discussion presents the contributions that the review makes to the literature (e.g., challenging, supplementing, or confirming					



previous research or theories in the literature).					
There are similarities and differences in the findings compared to previous research.					
The limitations of the study are made explicit and clear.					
The importance and implications of the findings (if any) have been described.					

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The references are relevant.					
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They're all necessary.

The references also include authors who are considered classics in the field.

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The arguments are logically and progressively organized and are suitably connected.					
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