

A TYPOLOGY OF REVIEWS:

What's the difference between scoping reviews and other types of reviews, such as systematic reviews, mapping reviews, literature reviews?

SCOPING REVIEW

Broad research question

Objective to identify gaps in literature

Comprehensive search and explicit processes

Selection based on pre-specified criteria

Potentially large body of evidence

Qualitative interpretation of data

Months to years to perform

LITERATURE REVIEW

Broad research question

Objective to find evidence on statements made in the study

Searches not pre-specified, open to bias

Study selection open to bias

Limited body of evidence

Qualitative interpretation of data

Weeks to months to perform

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

Focused research question, narrow parameters

Objective to answer focused question

Comprehensive search and explicit processes

Selection based on pre-specified criteria, multiple databases

Potentially large body of evidence

Qualitative, quantitative, meta-analysis

Months to years to perform