Completing the PRISMA Flow Diagram

Step 1- Database searches

In the first box, note how many studies you found through your database searches. This should be the COMBINED total from ALL the databases you have searched.

| Records identified through database searching (n = ) | Additional records identified through other sources (n = ) |

Step 2- Additional sources

In the adjacent box, note how many studies you found through searching other sources e.g. manual searches of reference lists, citation and reference tracking, think tanks, websites etc.

| Records identified through database searching (n = ) | Additional records identified through other sources (n = ) |

Step 3- Removed duplicates

In the box under these, note the combined total of studies from your database and additional sources search AFTER duplicates have been removed.

| Records identified through database searching (n = ) | Additional records identified through other sources (n = ) |

Records after duplicates removed (n = )
Step 4- Studies screened

The next step is to add in the number of studies that are left to screen. This is the same number as you have entered in the duplicates removed box.

Step 5- Excluded studies

Note how many studies you excluded after the screening process.

Step 6- Assessed for eligibility

Note the number of studies you have left after the exclusion process in the box titled "Full-text articles assessed for eligibility".
Step 7 - Studies excluded after reading full text

Note the number of studies you have excluded after reading the full text. Provide some brief reasons for why you excluded them.

Step 8 - Studies included in your review

You are now left with the number of studies which you need to interpret for your review. The number of these which are qualitative should be noted in the top box. The number which are quantitative should be noted in the bottom box.