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# ABSTRACT

**Background:** [Provide context or background information—what is already known on the topic—that would help readers better understand why the review is important.]

**Objectives:** [State the overarching review objective and ensure it relates to key components of the eligibility criteria.]

**Eligibility criteria:** [Summarize search terms used; relevant inclusion criteria (e.g., article publication dates; participants’ age, race, gender, etc.; interventions, conditions of interest, or outcomes; and/or context such as specific cultural setting or location); and any relevant exclusions.]

**Sources of evidence:** [List databases searched and the date(s) (month/year) that the search was conducted. Unpublished data or articles are not to be used.]

**Charting methods:** [Describe data charting methods (e.g., use of forms that were tested by the team prior to their use; major categories for sorting data; whether data charting was done independently or in duplicate; and how disagreements between reviewers were resolved). See [charting methods example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item10.pdf).]

**Results:** [Report the number of articles captured by the search, the number of articles included, and the number of articles excluded. Summarize the most salient results of the included studies—especially new and important aspects that could move the field forward.]

**Conclusions:** [Discuss the review’s principal conclusions and future directions. Note any major limitations pertaining to the review. Risk of bias and methodological quality are generally not appraised.]

**Keywords**: alcohol; [use the [Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/mesh) search feature, when possible, to identify up to seven additional keywords]

# INTRODUCTION

## Rationale

[Describe the main topics, important definitions, existing knowledge in the field, and how the review will benefit science, prevention, treatment, and/or health outcomes. If there are any existing reviews, specify what this review adds to the literature. Explain why the objective(s) lend themselves to a scoping review approach. See [rationale example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item3.pdf).]

## Objectives

[State the overarching review objective(s) (i.e., what the scoping review will accomplish), making sure to reference essential components (e.g., population or participants, concepts, and context) used to develop the objective(s). See [objectives example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item4.pdf).]

# METHODS

## Protocol and Registration

[Indicate whether a review protocol exists and, if so, where it can be accessed (e.g., a Web address, by contacting the corresponding author, etc.). If applicable, include registration information with registration number from a repository such as [Open Science Framework](https://help.osf.io/article/330-welcome-to-registrations). See [protocol and registration example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item5.pdf).]

## Eligibility Criteria

[Specify inclusion criteria (e.g., article publication years, age, human/animal) and exclusion criteria (e.g., duplicates, review articles, non-English; study design) for the sources that are charted. Provide a rationale for why these eligibility criteria were used. See [eligibility criteria example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item6.pdf).]

## Information Sources

[Report the databases used, the date(s) the search was executed, and describe whether the search was supplemented by scanning reference lists of relevant articles, hand-selecting key journals, contacting authors to identify additional sources, etc. Unpublished data or articles are not to be used. See [information sources example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item7.pdf).]

## Search

[Provide the full electronic search methodology for at least one database, either in the text, table, or appendix (i.e., all search terms, search limitations, and filters; and a rationale for each). Note who developed and executed the search strategy (e.g., information specialist, librarian), and whether the search strategy was peer-reviewed by other librarians using the [Peer Review of Electronic Search Strategies](https://www.jclinepi.com/article/S0895-4356(16)00058-5/fulltext#tbl1) checklist. See [search example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item8.pdf).]

## Selection of Sources of Evidence

[Describe the full screening and selection process, such as (1) number of reviewers who screened articles; (2) how articles were selected; (3) any procedures to verify results; (4) how inconsistencies were resolved; (5) and any calibrations done during the selection process. See [selection of sources of evidence example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item9.pdf).]

## Data Charting Process

[Describe how the data charting form was developed (e.g., number of reviewers; software used); and how calibration was performed among team members during the charting process. Specify revisions and rationale for them if the charting form process was iterative. See [data charting process example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item10.pdf).]

## Data Items

[List and define the variables (e.g., categories/characteristics of data) that were chosen for extraction and any assumptions that were made. Include final versions of the charting form in an Appendix. See [data items example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item11.pdf).]

## Critical Appraisal of Individual Sources of Evidence

[*Optional* if relevant to objectives. Provide a rationale for conducting a critical appraisal of included sources; describe the methods used (e.g., tools used, process followed, number of reviewers, reviewer calibration process) and how the findings were used in any data synthesis (if appropriate). See [critical appraisal of individual sources of evidence example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item12.pdf).]

## Synthesis of Results

[Describe the plan for synthesizing the range of evidence that addresses the review objectives, and how that evidence will be presented (i.e., narrative format or table). See [synthesis of results example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item13.pdf).]

# RESULTS

## Selection of sources of evidence

[Identify the number of articles captured by the search, the number of articles excluded and reasons for exclusion, and the number of articles included. Include a flow diagram as [Figure 1](#Figure_1) with a callout in the text (i.e., See Figure 1). Results should consist mainly of primary sources (original research). Review articles may be used sparingly as supplements. See [selection of sources of evidence example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item14.pdf).]

## Characteristics of Sources of Evidence

[For each source of evidence, present characteristics for which data were charted; provide citations for each source of evidence. See [characteristics of sources of evidence example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item15.pdf).]

## Critical Appraisal Within Sources of Evidence

[*Optional* if relevant to objectives. Present data on critical appraisal of included sources of evidence in a way that is consistent with the approach described in [Critical Appraisal of Individual Sources of Evidence](#_Critical_Appraisal_of). See [critical appraisal within sources of evidence example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item16.pdf).]

## Results of Individual Sources of Evidence

[For each included source of evidence, present the relevant data that were charted and relate to the review questions and objectives. A table or appendix is encouraged, especially if there are a substantial number of evidence sources. See [results of individual sources of evidence example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item17.pdf).]

## Synthesis of Results

[Summarize in narrative format and/or present the charting results as a table. Tables are the preferred format for ease of reading. See [synthesis of results example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item18.pdf).]

# DISCUSSION

## Summary of Evidence

[Summarize the main findings, link them back to the review objectives, and consider relevancy to critical groups (e.g., policymakers, health care providers, patients). See [summary of evidence example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item19.pdf).]

## Limitations

[Describe the limitations of the scoping review process and note any deviations from the protocol and their impact. Identify any gaps in the research identified in the review. See [limitations example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item20.pdf).]

## Conclusions

[Provide an overall interpretation of the results relative to the review objectives. Describe potential implications for future research. See [conclusions example](https://knowledgetranslation.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PRISMA-ScR_TipSheet_Item21.pdf).]

# REFERENCES

1. [Reference style is based on the American Medical Association’s AMA Manual of Style, 10th edition (AMA manual). Reference formatting instructions and examples are found in the [Instructions for Authors](https://arcr.niaaa.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/ARCR-Instructions-for-Authors.pdf).]

**Table 1. Title.** Description

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