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	Standard	Rationale and elaboration	Resources
R107	<i>Changes from the protocol</i>	Mandatory	
	Explain and justify any changes from the protocol (including any post hoc decisions about eligibility criteria or the addition of subgroup analyses).	MECIR conduct standard 13 : Justify any changes to eligibility criteria or outcomes studied. In particular, post hoc decisions about inclusion or exclusion of studies should keep faith with the objectives of the review rather than with arbitrary rules.	
R108	<i>Methods not implemented</i>	Mandatory	
	Document aspects of the protocol that were not implemented (e.g. because no studies, or few studies, were found) in the section 'Differences between protocol and review', rather than in the Methods section.	Including a record of methods that were not implemented helps to retain specific details of the protocol. By doing so, the next version of the review can be seen to be coherent with what was planned in the protocol.	See <i>Handbook 2.1</i>