## Integrative Research Review

**PURPOSE:** To summarize and critique the state of the science about a specific research topic by analyzing previously conducted research studies.

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| **Introduction** | - State problems, purpose, and significance of topic  
- Define variables under study (conceptual and operational definitions)  
- Develop method of organizing the data and provide rationale for this organization  
- List questions focusing the review |
| **Method** | - Identify elements of population to be studied - state inclusion and exclusion criteria including age range, years of search, etc.  
- Explain sources to be reviewed  
- Specify your search strategies (describe methods for identifying, obtaining and including studies in the review, terms you used, search engines used, databases, etc.)  
- Identify steps to ensure validity of search and retrieval; how did you evaluate the quality of the data?  
- Describe your approach to analysis -- |
| **Results** | - Present results of data analysis  
- Develop conclusions |
| **Discussion** | - Summarize methods  
- Synthesize common themes  
- Discuss the results in terms of the original questions identified – draw inferences from the results of the synthesis  
- Critique across studies; discuss research hypotheses and conclusions  
- Identify validity issues which affect study results  
- Identify areas for future research |
| **References** | - List all references cited in report |
| **Appendices** | - **Coding sheet or table of organized data** |

**References**

