PRISMA-P checklist: *Cost of Maternal Health Services in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Protocol for a Systematic Review – Banke-Thomas et al. 2018*

Checklist #	Checklist item	Achieved	Verification
1a	Identify the report as a protocol of a systematic review.	Yes	Stated in the title
1b	If the protocol is for an update of a previous systematic review, identify as such.	N/A	
2	If registered, provide the name of the registry (e.g., PROSPERO) and registration number.	Yes	PROSPERO Reg. #: CRD42018114124
3a	Provide name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of all protocol authors; provide physical mailing address of corresponding author.	Yes	Achieved in Title page.
3b	Describe contributions of protocol authors and identify the guarantor of the review.	Yes	Article footnote.
4	If the protocol represents an amendment of a previously completed or published protocol, identify as such and list changes; otherwise, state plan for documenting important protocol amendments.	N/A	
5a	Indicate sources of financial or other support for the review.	N/A	
5b	Provide name for the review funder and/or sponsor.	N/A	
5c	Provide name for the review funder and/or sponsor.	N/A	
6	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	Yes	Introduction
7	Provide an explicit statement of the question(s) the review will address with reference to participants, interventions, comparators, and outcomes (PICO).	Yes	Introduction
8	Specify the study characteristics (e.g., PICO, study design, setting, time frame) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) to be used as criteria for eligibility for the review.	Yes	Methods and analysis
9	Describe all intended information sources (e.g., electronic databases, contact with study authors, trial registers, or other grey literature sources) with planned dates of coverage.	Yes	Methods and analysis
10	Present draft of search strategy to be used for at least one electronic database, including planned limits, such that it could be repeated.	Yes	Table 1
11a	Describe the mechanism(s) that will be used to manage records and data throughout the review.	Yes	Methods and analysis
11b	State the process that will be used for selecting studies (e.g., two independent reviewers) through each phase of the review (i.e., screening, eligibility, and inclusion in meta-analysis.	Yes	Methods and analysis
11c	Describe planned method of extracting data from reports (e.g., piloting forms, done independently, in duplicate), any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators.	Yes	Methods and analysis
12	List and define all variables for which data will be sought (e.g., PICO items, funding sources), any pre-planned data assumptions and simplifications.	Yes	Methods and analysis
13	List and define all outcomes for which data will be sought, including prioritization of main and additional outcomes, with rationale.	N/A	
14	Describe anticipated methods for assessing risk of bias of individual studies, including whether this will be done at the outcome or study level, or both; state how this information will be used in data synthesis.	N/A	
15a	Describe criteria under which study data will be quantitatively synthesized.	Yes	Methods and analysis
15b	If data are appropriate for quantitative synthesis, describe planned summary measures, methods of handling data, and methods of combining data from studies, including any planned exploration of consistency.	Yes	Methods and analysis
15c	Describe any proposed additional analyses (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression).	Yes	Methods and analysis
15d	If quantitative synthesis is not appropriate, describe the type of summary planned.	Yes	Methods and analysis
16	Specify any planned assessment of meta-bias(es) (e.g., publication bias across studies, selective reporting within studies).	Yes	Methods and analysis
17	Describe how the strength of the body of evidence will be assessed (e.g., GRADE).	Yes	Methods and analysis