1.	Which of the following statements best describe your organization/group? (Please tick one of the following options)
	A funder of systematic reviews (including as part of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs), or Health Technology Assessments (HTAs))
	A producer of systematic reviews (including as part of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs), or Health Technology Assessments (HTAs))
	Both a funder & producer of systematic reviews (including as part of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs), or Health Technology Assessments (HTAs))
2.	Which of the following statements best describe why your organization/group produces systematic reviews? (Please tick one of the following options)
	For knowledge support (e.g., Cochrane reviews or other discrete systematic reviews)
	For decision support (e.g., policy or clinical decision-making; evidence for HTA's or CPG's) For both knowledge & decision support
	Other (please specify)
3.	We suggest UPDATE refers to "a discrete event aiming to search for and identify new evidence to incorporate into a previously completed systematic review." (New evidence is taken to mean any evidence not included in the previously completed review, irrespective of its' chronological appearance in the literature)
	To what extent do you think your organization/group would agree or disagree with this definition? (Please tick one of the following options):
	Strongly agree
	Somewhat agree
	Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat disagree
	Strongly disagree
	No opinion
4.	Overall, what level of importance would you estimate your organization/group places on updating systematic reviews? (Please tick one of the following options)
	1 (low) 2 3 4 5 (high)

5.	How would you rank updating of systematic reviews compared to other research mandates within your organization/group? (Please tick one of the following options)
	1 (low) 2 3 4 5 (high)
6.	Does your organization/group have a policy on updating systematic reviews?
	Yes
	No
	Not sure
7.	Is establishing a formal updating policy or process something your organization/group would view as important? (Please tick one of the following options)
	Yes
	No
	Not sure
	Not applicable
	Please describe the updating policy of your organization/group (if applicable): list any working documents detailing the updating policy of your ganization in the box provided below)
9.	In general, how would you describe the current 'updating' practices of your organization/group? (Please tick one of the following options)
	Update regularly
	Update irregularly
	Do not update
10.	Of the systematic reviews either produced or commissioned by your organization/group, what percentage would you estimate are up to date?
	0-10%
	11-20%
	21-30%
	31-40%
	41-50%
	51-60%
	61-70% 71-80%
	81-90%
	91-100%
	Not sure
11.	Which of the following does your organization/group feel is the most responsible for ensuring systematic reviews are updated?
	Funder(s) of original review
	Authors of the original review
	Information specialist/Librarian
	Policy-maker utilizing the evidence
	All of the above

	None of the above Other (please specify	y)									
12.	How would you update a systematic		he me	thod((s) used by y	our organiza	tion/grou _]	p to d	etermi	ne the need	to
	Formal method(s) us Informal method(s) u No method(s) used Not sure										
13.	Does your orgaliterature?	nization/gr	oup c	ondu	ct literature	searches regi	ularly to l	nelp io	lentify	new releva	nt
	Yes No Not sure Not applicable										
14.	How often are s Please tick one of th				identify nev	v literature?					
	Monthly Every 6 months Every 12 months Every 18 months Not applicable Other time interval (p		-								
15.	How often are t identify new eviden							toring	the lit	terature to	
			A	Alway	rs Often	Sometimes	Seldo	m	Never	Not sure	Not applicable
	ame search strategy fro ginal review	om the									
- M	odified search strateg	y from the									
	ew search strategy - or	riginal searc	h [
16.	How frequent d							to m	onitor	emergence	of new
		Always	Ofte	n S	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	Not sure		Not applicable	
sea	eneral literature rches (e.g. etronic, hand-search			[,		
surv Clin WH Clin	rial registry veillance (e.g., nicalTrials.Gov, IO International nical Trials Registry, ious national]							

government or industry trials registries) - Statistical approaches (e.g., Barrowman's diagnostic test, cumulative meta-								
analysis etc.) - Systematic reviews								
surveillance Guideline or health technology assessment surveillance								
- Experts in the field								
 17. Please list any a monitor for new evi (or list any working a provide below). If the 18. How often do the conduct or fund an evi and the conduct or fund an evi an evi	idence, documents your ere are no additi he following iss	organizatio ional strateg ues factor i	n has dev gies, action	eloped listing ns, or steps that organization	these monitor at you are awa	ing strateg re of, pleas	ies in the	e box
		Always	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	Not sure	Not applicable
Number of new studiesNumber of participantsReporting of serious or	in new studies							
adverse events - New inclusion criteria (interventions; population methodological								
advances/new analysis) - Totality (comprehensive new evidence or data (inc. &								
Benefits) - Time credibility - Need for an internal org	ganizational							
- Formal request from po healthcare decision-make								
19. How often do e making process of v	whether to fund	l or conduc			our organiza	tion/ grou	p's decis	sion-
		Always	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	Not	Not
- Original authors of the s							sure	applicable □
organization) - Information specialist/L - Experts in the field - Statistician(s) - External Policy-maker(s)								

- The organization/group itself as										
	inal funder of a systematient(s) or consumer gro									
20.	How often do the							king pı	rocess o	f
	whether to fund or co	Always	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	n Not	Not		
	ost utility of updating						sure	appli □ □	cable	
- In	spact on policy spact on clinical									
- Po	etice litical context									
	rrent public troversy/interest									
- Bı	irden of illness/costs isease									
- Oı	ganization/group libility of being									
- Aı	nticipated change in									
	ct size or precision address a quality gap									
22.	WHEN to update a sy If there are no addition How would you be determine HOW to co Formal method(s) used Informal method(s) used No method(s) used Not sure	al issues tha pest describ onduct an u	it you are e the met	aware of, plea	se leave blank egies used by	c. your org a				ons
23.	Please describe th	ne formal/iı	nformal r	method(s) in tl	ne box provid	led below	(if app	licable)):	
24.	On average, whice on implementing an uplease tick one of the	ıpdating stı	rategy?	est estimates t	he time your	organiza	tion/gro	oup typ	ically e	xpends
	0-3 months 4-6 months 7-9 months 10-12 months 13-15 months 16-18 months 19-21 months 21-24 months									

\square >24 months							
□ Not sure							
□ Not applicable							
25. On average strategy? (U.S. <\$10,000 \$10,000 - \$20,0 \$21,000 - \$30,0 \$31,000 - \$40,0 \$41,000 - \$50,0 \$51,000 - \$60,0 \$61,000 - \$70,0 \$71,000 - \$80,0 \$81,000 - \$90,0 \$91,000 - \$100,0 \$100,001 - \$200 >\$200,000 Not sure Not applicable	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 000 000				get for im	plementin	g an updating
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	You	nave reac	ched the half-w	ay mark of	this surve	y.	
26. How often Please tick one	has your organ answer for eac			lved in the	following s	scenarios?	
	Always	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	Not sure	Not applicable
- A partial update involving only certa sections of a review	in						
- A full update of all							
sections - An entirely new review upon updatin							
- Knowing a systems review is out of date but unable to commence updating due to lack of resour (e.g. funding, personnel, time etc.)	atic rces						
27. When you did the original Please tick one	l review?		is your organi	zation/grou	p able to d	lraw on th	e same people who
□ Always□ Often□ Sometimes□ Seldom□ Never□ Not sure							

28. How frequently does your organization/group use the following procedures when updating? Please tick one answer for each reason												
	Always	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	Not	Not					
- Time-specific approach (pre-set						sure	applicable □					
updating frequency) - Editorial strategy with an algorithm of												
administrative actions - Bibliometric database entry-date searching												
- Cumulative meta- analysis (CMA) or its' extensions (e.g., recursive; with sequential boundaries; or using cumulative												
slope) - Barrowman's diagnostic test (i.e., identifying 'null' meta- analyses ready for updating)												
working documents below.	29. Please list any other additional procedures used during the updating process or list any relevant working documents your organization has developed detailing these procedures in the box provided below. If there are no new additional strategies used during the update process that you are aware of, please leave											
30. How often has you others? Please tick				ved in upda	ting syste	matic revi	ews done by					
□ Always □ Often □ So	ometimes \square	Seldom [□ Never □ Not	sure 🗆 Not	applicable							
31. When updating following: Please tick				is your orga	anization/	group invo	olved in the					
	Always	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	Not	Not applicable					
- Revising the original						sure						
search strategy - Revising the												
eligibility criteria - Re-abstracting data from previously												
reviewed studies - Re-assessing quality of previously reviewed studies												

□ Not applicable

32. To what extent are the following characteristics of original reviews perceived as barriers to updating reviews done by others? Please tick one answer for each reason											
Perceived need to change the original	Serious Barrier □	Moderate Barrier □	Minor Barrier □	Not a Barrier □	Not sure □	Not applicable □					
search strategy Perceived need to change the original											
screening criteria Perceived need to redo the data											
abstraction Perceived need to reassess study quality											
of the last search Please tick one of Always Often Sometimes Seldom Never Not sure Not applicable 34. When recent	relevant lite of the final	completion on gong options derature is ideal draft, how	of the final dra	ft? ng publishe	d after th	ure published after the date e date of the last search but ally incorporate this new					
35. To what exter updating systema Please tick one an	tic reviews	?	he following as	general ba	rriers to	your organization/group					
- Limited updating	Serious Barrier □	Moderate Barrier □	Minor Barrier □	Not a Barrier □	Not sure □	Not applicable □					
methodologies - Limited											
funding/resources - Work redundancy of updating (reviewer											
motivation) - Limited academic credit for updating											

work - Limited journal publishing formats						
- Having to update reviews done by others						
						rmonizing updating efforts ease tick one of the following
 □ Strongly agree □ Somewhat agree □ Neither agree nor d □ Somewhat disagree □ Strongly disagree □ No opinion 						
						anization/group participating ase tick one answer for each
A 4	Major benefit □	Moderate benefit □	Minor benefit □	No benefit □	Not sure	Not applicable
- Access to new information, ideas, materials or other resources		Ш	Ш		Ц	
- Potential to minimize duplication of services						
- Use of existing resources more efficiently						
- Ability to address issues beyond a single organization/group's						
domain - Shared responsibility across organization/group's for complex or controversial issues						
						anization/group participating ase tick one answer for each
- Diversion of an organization/group's	Serious Barrier □	Moderate	Minor	Not a Barrier □	Not sure □	Not applicable □
human resources - Diversion of an organization/group's						

- Di orga rese - Pe	ding resources iversion from an anization/group's earch mandate erceived delays in king across anizations/groups							_				
39.		itic revie	ws includin	g existing sys	stematic rev	iews and	protoc	elopment of a central ols (i.e., similar to effor	ts			
	Strongly agree Somewhat agree Neither agree nor de Somewhat disagree Strongly disagree No opinion											
40.	Does your org systematic reviews Please tick one ans	?			llowing act	ivities wh	nen fund	ling or conducting				
- W	Yes No Not sure - Inclusion of a prediction for updating in the text of original reviews											
nee	d of further estigation	ystematic	Teviews wil	ien deemed no	nonger in							
41.	Which of the f Please tick one of t				anization/gı	roup?						
	Academic Institution National Governmen Regional/Local Governmen Private Organization Medical Specialty Someonic Specific Someonic Specific Someonic States of the Carlo Specific Someonic Specific Someonic Specific Someonic Specific Someonic Specific Speci	ent Agenc vernment n (Industr Society ociety anization	Agency									
42.	What is your of Please tick one of t				nding struct	ture?						
	For profit Not for profit											
43.	What type(s) of Please tick all that		g does your	organization	receive?							
	Industry/Private Sec Government (Infras		grants)									

	Non-profit (Acade Endowment fund Internal Other (please spec	emic; non-governmental	orga	nizations)							
44. What is your organization/group's total estimated proportion of work expended annually on the following research synthesis areas? Please tick one answer for each activity											
21-: 31-: 41-: 51-: 61-: 71-: 81-: 91- Not	% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 100% sure	Original systematic reviews		lating of ematic reviews		ical practice delines (CPGs)		Ith technology ssments (HTAs)			
45. What is your organization/group's estimated budget generated/expended annually on the following research synthesis areas in US Dollars? Please tick one option for each activity											
\$41 \$71 \$10 \$20 \$50 >\$1 Not	,000-40,000 ,000-70,000 ,000-\$100,000 0,000-200,000 0,000-500,000 0,000-1,000,000 ,000,000 sure applicable	Original systema reviews		Updating of systematic review		Clinical practice guidelines (CPGs	s)	Health technology assessments (HTAs)			
	Lead author of a sy Co-author of a sys Information species Statistician Methodologist/Ep Clinical expert Editor Project Manager/O None Other research cap	stematic review alist idemiologist									

47.	Please describe your train Please tick all that apply	ing in syste	ematic reviev	ws.								
	University-level training or research in systematic reviews Continuing education course(s) in systematic reviews Workshop(s) in systematic reviews Lecture(s) in systematic reviews No training in systematic reviews Other (Please specify)											
48.	How often do you utilize e Please tick one of the following		om systemati	ic reviews in	the follov	wing capacities?						
To To	inform clinical practice inform policy-making inform funding decisions research purposes	Daily □ □ □	Weekly	Monthly □ □ □	Never	Not applicable □ □ □ □						
49.	Would you like to receive Please tick one of the following Yes No	-	y of this rese	arch when i	t is availa	ble?						
50.	May we contact your orga its updating experiences? Plea Yes No					r more in depth information on						
51.	Please enter your contact the primary researcher.	informatio	n below. Thi	s will remai	in confidei	ntial and will only be viewed by						
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