

PRO EDI characteristics of included participants table template (short) 22/3/2024

Listed below are the characteristics of included participants which should be reported in systematic reviews. For each characteristics it is indicated whether it is mandatory and should be included in reviews as a minimum or are review dependant. We also specify how each item should be completed.

Age, mandatory. [How to complete this item](#): We suggest ideally mean or median years together with an indication of spread such as range or standard deviation.

Sex, mandatory. [How to complete this item](#): We suggest using Male, Female and Intersex. Other descriptions of intersex might be found and if so, they should be reported as reported by study authors. If authors have asked a question about trans history, this information should also be extracted.

Gender, mandatory. [How to complete this item](#): We suggest using man and woman together with any other gender identities as reported by the included study. If authors have asked a question about trans history, this information should also be extracted. If no other gender identities than 'man' and 'woman' are reported, review authors should report this.

Sexual identity, depends on review. [How to complete this item](#): We suggest using bisexual, gay, lesbian, heterosexual together with any other sexual identities as reported by the included study.

Race, ethnicity and ancestry, mandatory. [How to complete this item](#): We suggest using the categories reported by study authors.

Socio-economic status (SES), mandatory. [How to complete this item](#): We suggest using the categories used by study authors.

Level of education, depends on review. [How to complete this item](#): We suggest ideally mean or median years together with an indication of spread such as range or standard deviation. Alternatively, categories of grades completed as a number and percentage.

Disability, depends on review. [How to complete this item](#): This depends on the review but type of disability and severity would be examples of what could be extracted.

Location (country/ countries of data collection and site coordination), mandatory. [How to complete this item](#): We suggest reporting country or countries where study participants were recruited, together with the country or countries of study coordination sites. The additional of rural/urban is helpful if provided.

Other factors relevant to the review, depends on review. [How to complete this item](#): Depends on the item.

Foreword

While we think that our characteristics of included participants table on the page above is useful, we acknowledge that it isn't perfect. There are many important aspects of equity, diversity and inclusion and our table captures many, but not all, of these. Systematic reviews are time-consuming, and we have tried to balance the data collection requirements suggested by our table against the work required to get those data. What is described as mandatory in our table is the minimum we'd expect to see in *all* reviews. Review teams are still required to tailor the data to be collected to their review; we provide the starting point. Change takes time and we are hoping the PRO EDI table is a step in the right direction, helping to make research relevant and applicable to those in society who could benefit.

Additional PRO EDI materials are available on the Trial Forge website here: <https://www.trialforge.org/trial-diversity/pro-edi-improving-how-equity-diversity-and-inclusion-is-handled-in-evidence-synthesis/>

The materials include

- Characteristics of included participants table template and detailed guidance 22/3/2024
- PRO EDI interpretation guidance 25/4/2024
- PRO EDI table and interpretation examples -TBC (though there are some in the PRO EDI interpretation guidance)
- PRO EDI characteristics of included participants table template (short) 22/3/2024 (this document)

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