

# Nest Protocol

## Purpose

The Nest Protocol outlines the goal, scope, and key tasks of your systematic literature review or meta-analysis. In it, the project leadership should provide critical background information, the context of the review, and primary and secondary endpoints.

## Open the Protocol Editor

### 1. Navigate to the Admin Page

To create a nest protocol, you must have admin permissions on a nest.

Need admin permissions? Email the nest owner and/or project lead.

### 2. Select Protocol Editor

**Administrator Settings: Basilar Artery - thrombectomy vs. thrombolysis**

**Synthesis**

**Choose outputs to display on Synthesis:**  
Checking these boxes will show the respective outputs on Synthesis for this nest

- ☒ Qualitative Synthesis
- ☒ Quantitative Synthesis
- ☒ Manuscript

**Make this nest public:**  
Checking this box will allow anyone on the internet to search for and see your nest's Synthesis. This does not grant the public editing access via AutoLit

- ☒ Public Nest

**Static Manuscript**  
Upload a PDF-based manuscript for this nest. Displayed only if the editable Manuscript is empty.

Upload .pdf

**Edit Nest Description:**  
Write a brief, public description of your nest, as it should appear on Synthesis

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**Protocol Editor**

The Protocol Editor allows you to create and maintain Nest-specific documentation linked to particular parts of the AutoLit workflow.

## Write the Protocol

Add headers, bullet points, and bold font. There is no one-size-fits all formula for a protocol! The goal of a 'best practices' protocol should be: enable someone unfamiliar with the project to carry out any of the Search, Screening, Tagging, Extraction, or interpretive tasks in your project in the same way that you, as project lead, would do.

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ProtocolDescription

### Objective

To determine the importance of screening for Dihydropyrimidine Dehydrogenase (DPD) deficiency in patients undergoing 5-FU based chemotherapy

### Scope

Clinical trials, retrospective studies or prospective studies evaluating outcomes related to toxicities in patients undergoing 5-FU based chemotherapy with DPD deficiency versus with no DPD deficiency.

### Primary Outcomes

- Risk of Severe adverse effects (*grade 2 or above*) in population with dpd deficiency
- Allele frequency
- Prevalence of dpd deficiency in patients undergoing 5\-fu based chemotherapy for various cancers

### Secondary Outcomes

- Effect of combination therapies
- Type of combination drug attributable to the serious adverse effect
- Type of the serious adverse effects with the therapy
- Percentage of DPD negative patients with adverse effects
- Percentage of DPD positive patients with no adverse effects

## Formatting and Organization

Use bullet points and short sentences. Keep it brief. You may add images to the protocol when applicable. Optionally, you may add a table with common abbreviations and terminology.

**Suggested Sections:** Purpose/Research Question, Search Strategy, Scope, Population, Interventions, Outcomes

## Share the Protocol with Reviewers

The protocol will appear at the nest home! Ensure that all reviewers on your team know where to find the Protocol.

The Protocol generally does not usually include specific reviewing instructions; it contains generalized nest methods. Be sure to communicate individual instructions and deadlines outside of the Protocol's contents.

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