

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 Configure Nest Page

2. Select Protocol Editor

The screenshot displays the 'Administrator Settings' page for a nest titled 'Basilar Artery - thrombectomy vs. thrombolysis'. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'Synthesis' and 'Protocol Editor'.

Synthesis Section:

- Choose outputs to display on Synthesis:** This section includes instructions and three checked checkboxes: 'Qualitative Synthesis', 'Quantitative Synthesis', and 'Manuscript'.
- Make this nest public:** This section includes instructions and one checked checkbox: 'Public Nest'.
- Static Manuscript:** This section includes instructions and an 'Upload .pdf' button with an upload icon.
- Edit Nest Description:** This section includes instructions and a large text area with a 'Placeholder' label. A 'Saved' button is located at the bottom right of this section.

Protocol Editor Section:

- The 'Protocol Editor' button is highlighted with a red rectangle.
- Below the button, a description states: '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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Description

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

The protocol will appear at the nest home! Ensure that all reviewers on your team know where to find the Protocol. Optionally, you can download the protocol as a Word document in one-click.

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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