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Annexes

One of the most important steps of a systematic review is the identification of relevant publications to respond the research question. We show below an example that illustrates the procedure to follow in the first phases of the protocol of a systematic review on visibility, use and impact of scientific grey literature in open access.

1. Defining the question. Types of questions. Applying PICOC Model:

P	**I**	**C**	**O**	**C**
Population	***Intervention***	***Comparison***	***Outcomes***	**Context**
Scientific grey literature (PhD theses)	Diffusion of PhD theses through the Open Access institutional repositories	PhD theses that are not Open Access	Increased visibility and impact of Open Access PhD theses	University of Salamanca. 2006-2010
Scientific grey literature (PhD theses)	Open Access mandate at the institutions as from a date	PhD theses that are not subject to mandate in the same institutions	Increased visibility and impact of PhD theses in Open Access by institutional mandate	University of Salamanca. 2008-2010
Institutional Repositories	Implementation of tools in repositories to achieve interoperability	Comparison between multiple repositories measuring the ratio and degree of visibility interoperability	The most interoperable repositories increase visibility	At international level

2. Determining the location (where). Selection of resources:

- Electronic databases: Web of Science, Scopus, LISA, LISTA.
- Searching "by hand" in summaries of journals and open access resources.
- Searching at Google Scholar.

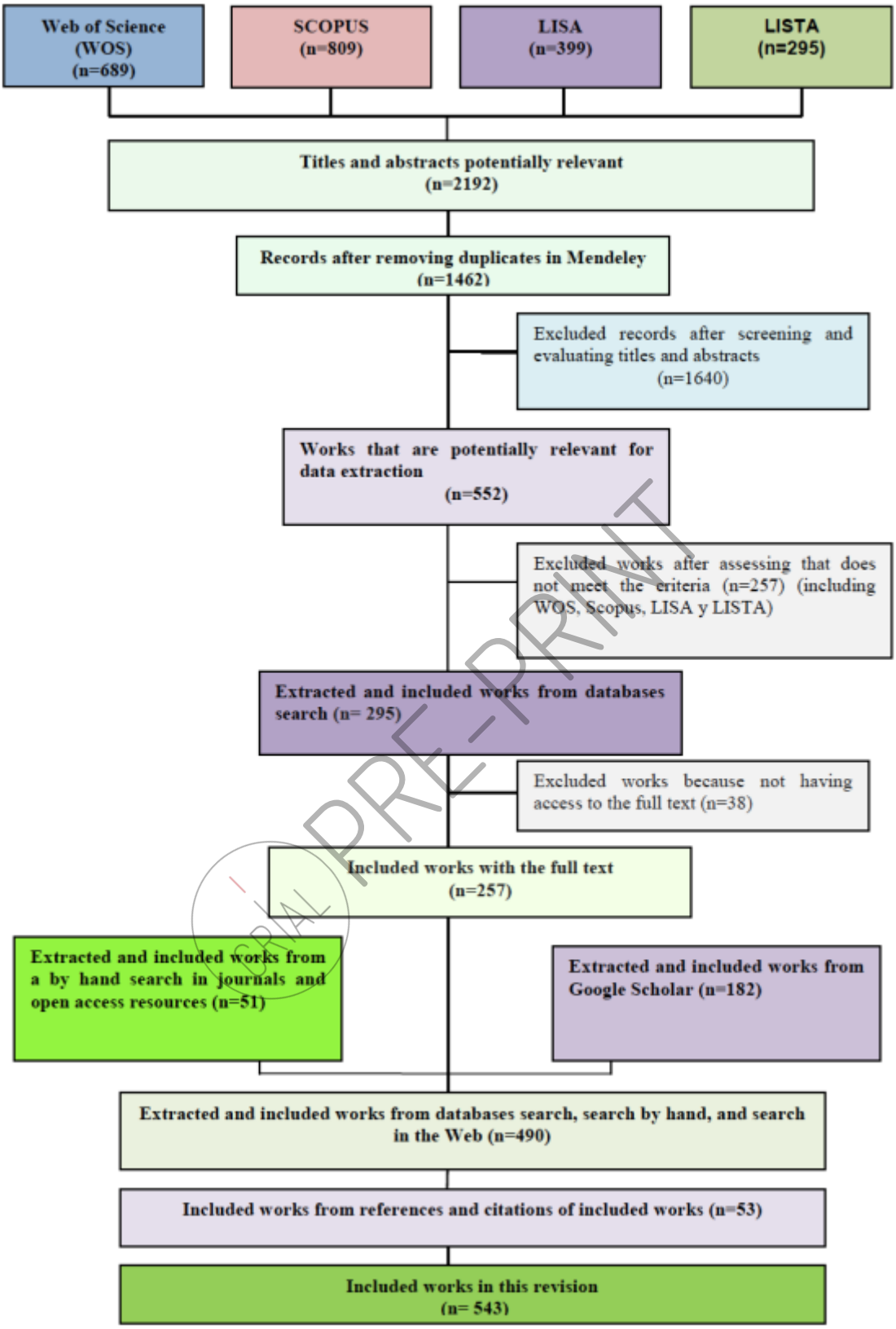
3. Determining the terminology (how). Search equation used (adapted to the various databases utilized).

("Open Access" OR "Acceso abierto") AND (visibili* OR impact* OR cita*) ; ("literatura gris" OR "grey literature" OR "gray literature" OR "littérature grise" OR e-theses OR theses OR dissertations OR tesis OR "tesis electrónicas") AND ((dissemination OR diffusion OR difusión OR diseminación) OR (citation OR citación)) ; Repositor* AND Interoperabili*) AND (visibili* OR impact*) ; ("Open Access" OR "Acceso abierto") AND (mandat* OR poli*) AND (visibili* OR impact*) ; ("Open Access" OR "acceso abierto) AND (bibliometric* OR almetric* OR informetric* OR scientometric* OR webometrics) ; ("open access" AND impact) AND (bibliometric* OR almetric* OR informetric* OR scientometric* OR webometrics)

4. Selection of potentially eligible documents:

- Application of inclusion and exclusion criteria to the titles and abstracts obtained.
- Getting potential articles from the eligible titles and summaries.
- Assessment of coherence in the selection of studies.

5. Flow diagram of the selection of works for inclusion in the systematic review



The last steps of the protocol would be as listed below:

6. Reviewing the process and evaluating the studies

7. Extracting data

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8. Synthesizing, analyzing and presenting data