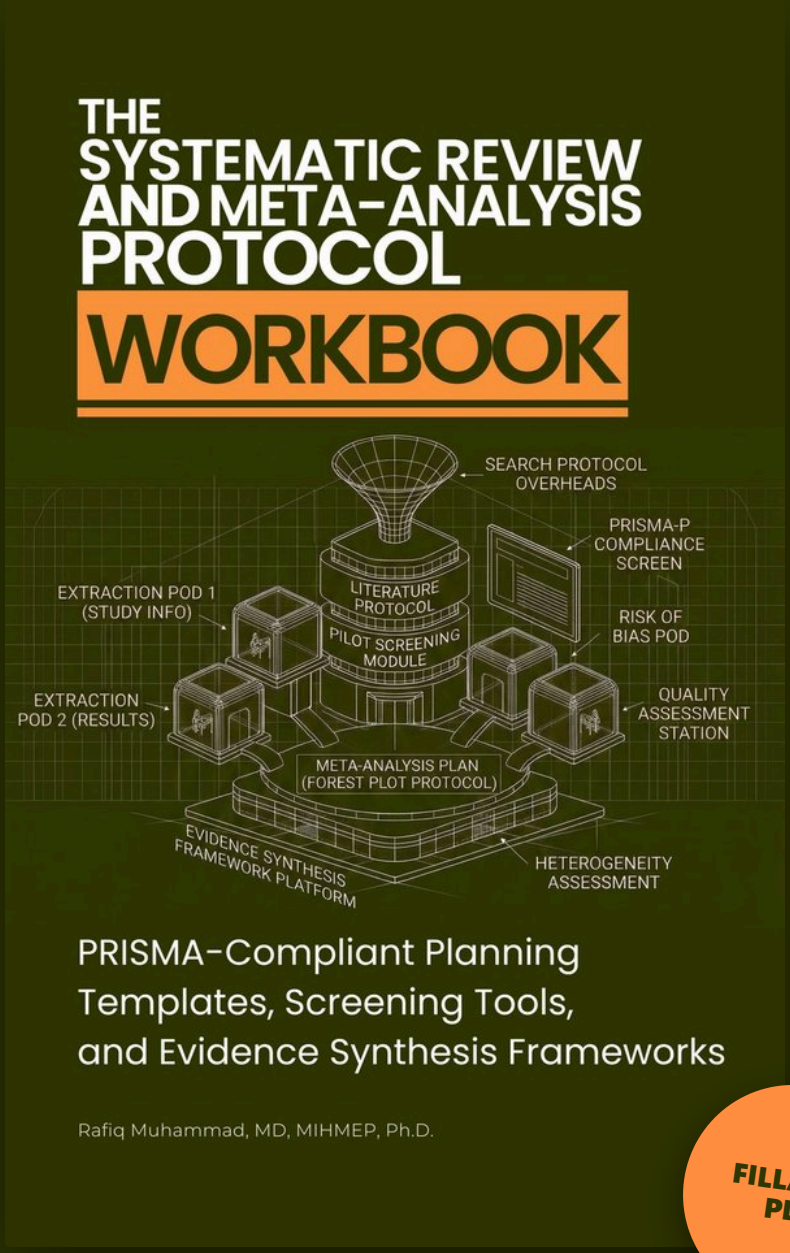
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CHAPTER 3 · DEVELOPING YOUR SEARCH STRATEGY

3.1 Concept Mapping Worksheet

Estimated time: 40 minutes

Completed example: Template 3.1 in The Systematic Review & Meta-Analysis Protocol Workbook.

> **How to fill this in**
>
> 1. Identify 3–5 core concepts from your structured review question (PICO/PEO/PCC from Chapter 1).
> 2. Write each concept as a column header.
> 3. Then brainstorm every synonym, related term, spelling variation, abbreviation, and truncation option for each concept.

YOUR Concept Map

Review Question: _____

Concept 1: _____	Concept 2: _____	Concept 3: _____	Concept 4: _____

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CHAPTER 5 · DEFINING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND SCREENING STUDIES

5.1 Eligibility Criteria Definition Worksheet

Estimated time: 30 minutes

Completed example: Template 5.1 in The Systematic Review & Meta-Analysis Protocol Workbook.

How to fill this in

1. For each element of your review question (PICO, PEO, or PCC from Chapter 1), define explicit inclusion criteria, explicit exclusion criteria, and a decision rule for borderline cases.
2. Assign a standardized exclusion reason code to each criterion.
3. These codes will be used in the screening logs (Templates 5.2 and 5.3).

YOUR Eligibility Criteria

PICO Element	Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria	Borderline Decision Rule	Exclusion Code
Population				
Intervention / Exposure / Concept				
Comparator / Context				
Outcome				
Study Design				
Other Criteria				

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This sample shows 2 templates: 3.1 Concept Mapping Worksheet; 5.1 Eligibility Criteria Definition Worksheet.

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