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# RESULTS

* 1. *Synthesis of Evidence:* Summarize the main findings from the included studies. Organize them thematically or chronologically, one topic after the other. For each topic, describe what is known, not known, prevailing questions, and solutions (must have at least 2 references)]
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# DISCUSSION

# *4.1. Interpretation:* [Interpret the findings in the context of public health practice and policy.]

*4.2. Implications:* [Discuss the implications for practitioners, policymakers, and researchers.]

*4.3 Challenges and Recommendations:* [Address any challenges encountered during the review process and provide recommendations for improving future literature reviews.]

# CONCLUSION AND GLOBAL HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

*5.1 Summary:* [Recap the key points from the review.]

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