

# Review of Literature



# Why is a Review of literature needed?

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- To provide justification for the planned project
- To place the proposed work in context
- To discuss the findings of related research
- To highlight the 'felt need' of your project

# What should be included?

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- Studies which
  - Help to define the problem
  - Describe its magnitude
  - Provide data for / against the research hypothesis
  - Contain Indian data

# What **not** to include

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- Studies which
  - Provide the first description of a well known problem
  - Trace the history of its evolution in detail
  - Multiple 'me too' studies

# Example

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- Nephrotoxicity of NSAIDs
- Include:
  - Initial reports of nephrotoxicity of NSAIDs
  - A few studies highlighting different types of renal toxicity observed – ARF, renal papillary necrosis
  - Large series of patients who developed toxicity
  - Methods of evaluating toxicity used in previous studies
  - Recent studies, controversies
  - Indian data

Length of Review of literature: about 2 – 3 pages.

