Supplementary Table 1: Characteristics of random samples of protocols registered on the PROSPERO and non-PROSPERO platforms

Category		PROSPERO	non-PROSPERO
Country [a]	1st	United Kingdom 15 (14)	Unclear 23 (23)
	2nd	China 13 (12)	Japan 17 (17)
	3rd	United States 11 (10)	Canada 10 (10)
	4th	Australia 10 (9)	United Kingdom 6 (6)
	5th	Brazil 9 (8)	Brazil 5 (5)
Funding	For-profit	1 (1)	3 (3)
	Non-profit	41 (41)	49 (49)
	None	58 (58)	19 (19)
	Unclear	0 (0)	29 (29)
PRISMA	Yes	4 (4)	30 (30)
	No	96 (96)	70 (70)
Total		100	100

Abbreviations: PROSPERO=International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews; PRISMA=Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses

Note: Values are shown as numbers (percentages).

We choose these variables based on previous studies focusing on the protocol registrations of systematic reviews. (Tsujimoto Y, Tsujimoto H, Kataoka Y, Kimachi M, Shimizu S, Ikenoue T, et al. Majority of systematic reviews published in high-impact journals neglected to register the protocols: a meta-epidemiological study. J Clin Epidemiol 2017;84:54–60. doi:10.1016/j.jclinepi.2017.02.008)

The country rankings are listed in order of the number of registrations up to the fifth. We considered funding as "for-profit" when the funds were received from industries. We considered funding as "non-profit" when the funds were received from governments, and other academic, or non-profit organizations. We coded "for-profit" in funding for protocols that had either for-profit-only funding or both for-profit and non-profit funding. We coded "none" in funding if the protocols had no funding. We coded "unclear" in funding if the protocols had no information about funding. The term "PRISMA" refers to whether protocols included a description regarding adherence to the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) statement or PRISMA for systematic review protocols (PRISMA-P).

[a]The total number of countries in the PROSPERO platform was 109 because some records involved multiple countries.