Prevalence & Types of Risk of Bias Assessments across Systematic Reviews in Sports & Exercise Medicine: Flow-Diagram

Reviews identified through a systematic search of the BJSM journal archive (K = 136)

Review titles & abstracts screened (k = 136)

Systematic reviews +/- meta-analyses included (k = 66)

Risk of bias assessment performed (k = 65)

No risk of bias assessment performed (k = 1)

Internal validity (k = 11; 6.9%)

Methodological quality (k = 31; 47.7%)

Reporting quality (k = 1; 1.5%)

Combination tool (k = 12; 18.5%)

‘Other’ (k = 10; 10.5%)

Outcome-level risk of bias assessment (k = 12; 18.5%)

Outcome-level assessment within individual bias domains (k = 3; 4.6%)

Outcome-level assessment across individual bias domains (k = 9; 13.8%)

Figure 1. Flow-diagram