

SEARCH STRATEGY PLANNING

WORKING GROUP:

TARGET INSTRUMENT:

Use this form to outline your initial search plan. Focus on the big picture — detailed search terms will come later.

Search attribute	OMERACT guidance	Your study
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define the specific rheumatological disease(s) or condition(s). Consider broader populations if evidence is scarce in your target population. Note any restrictions (e.g., age, disease duration, severity). 	
Target Instrument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include original development and validation studies. Include studies that name the instrument (or acronym) in title/abstract. Consider alternative names, acronyms, or translations used for the instrument. 	
Measurement properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on measurement properties required for OMERACT Filter 2.1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct validity Test-retest reliability Longitudinal construct validity Discrimination in clinical trials Thresholds of meaning Separate search will also be needed for clinical trials or cohorts using instrument for the property of discrimination in a clinical trial setting. Primary articles are priority. Reviews can be used to identify source articles and review is done only on the source article (primary data). 	
Publication Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English should be included. List other languages based on your team's ability to review and analyze literature. 	
Databases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least three databases are recommended. MEDLINE is essential. Choose others based on your domain and target instrument(e.g., psychological databases for mental health instruments). 	