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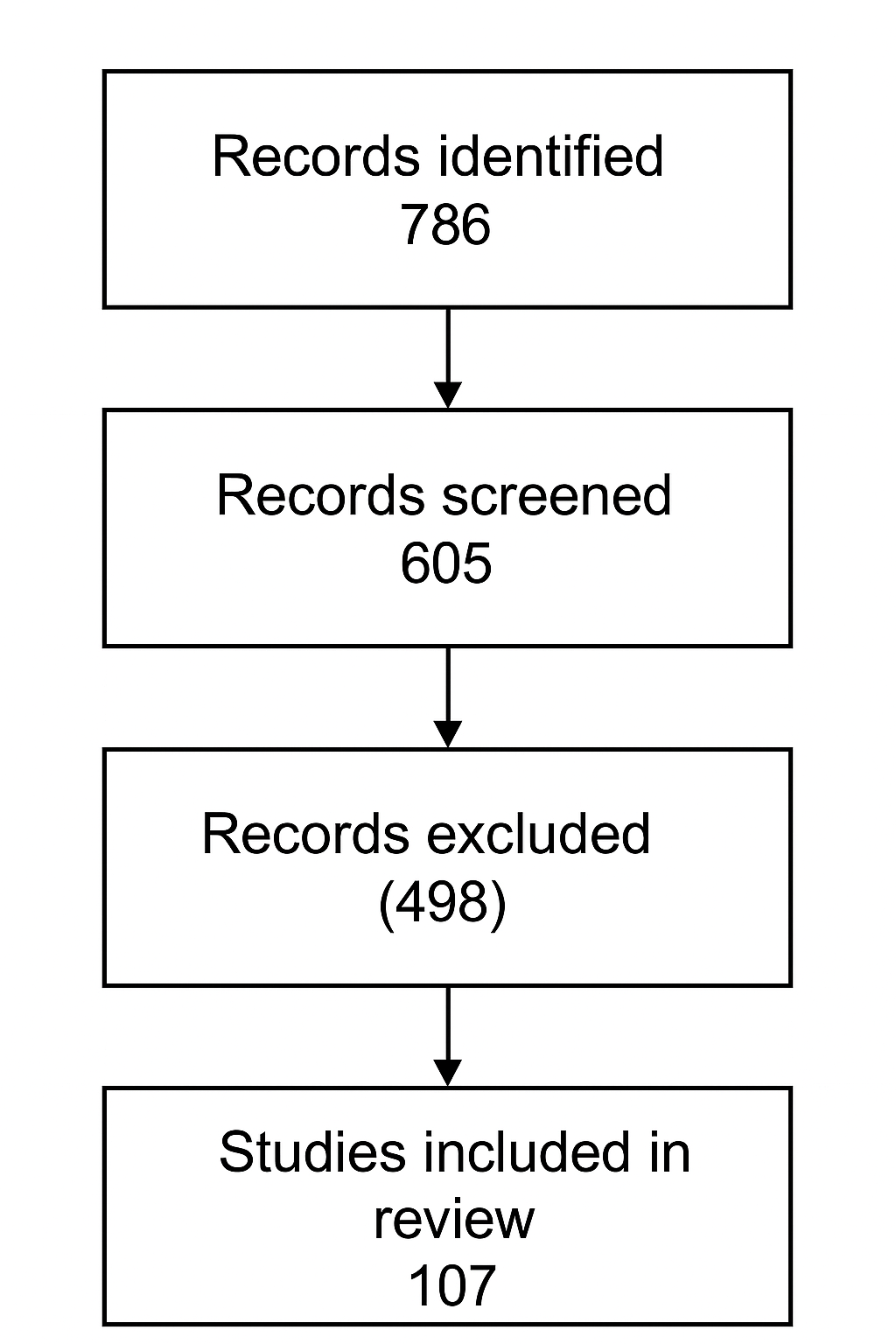


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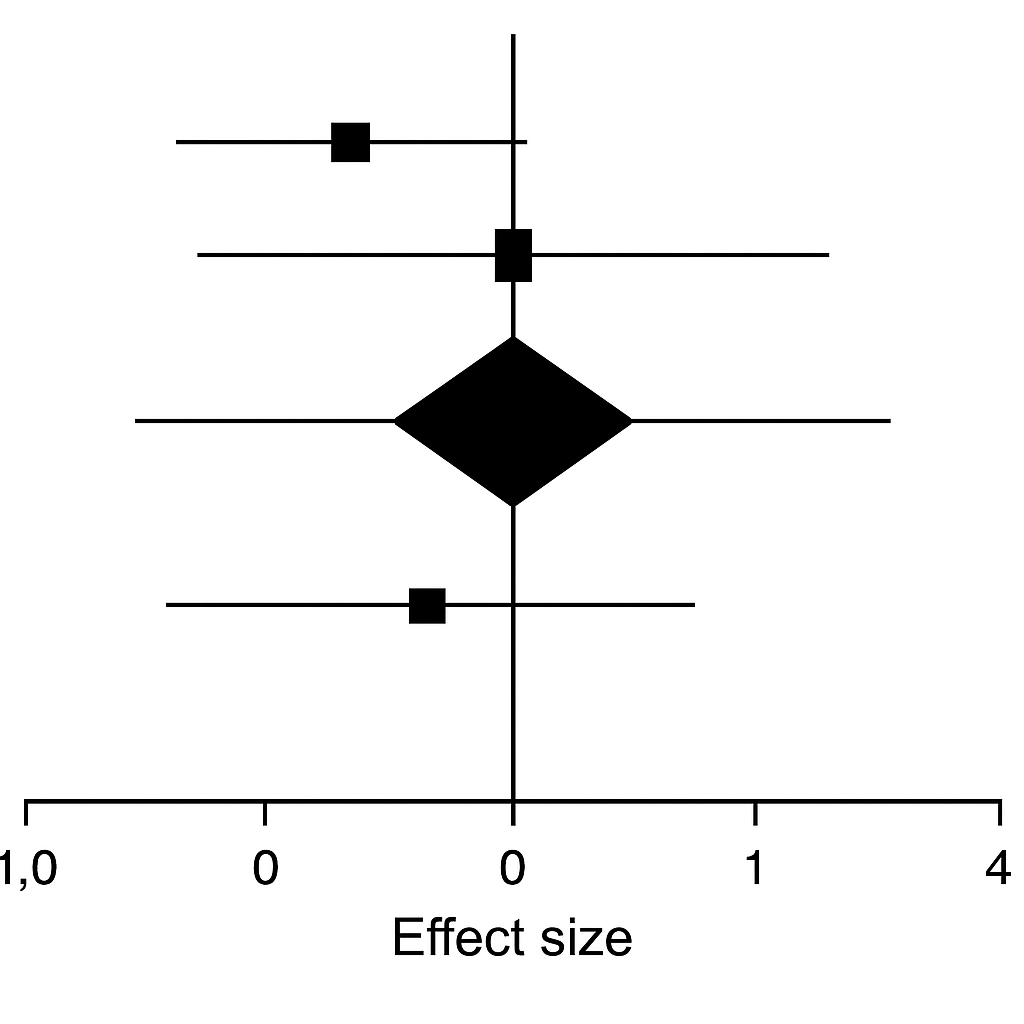


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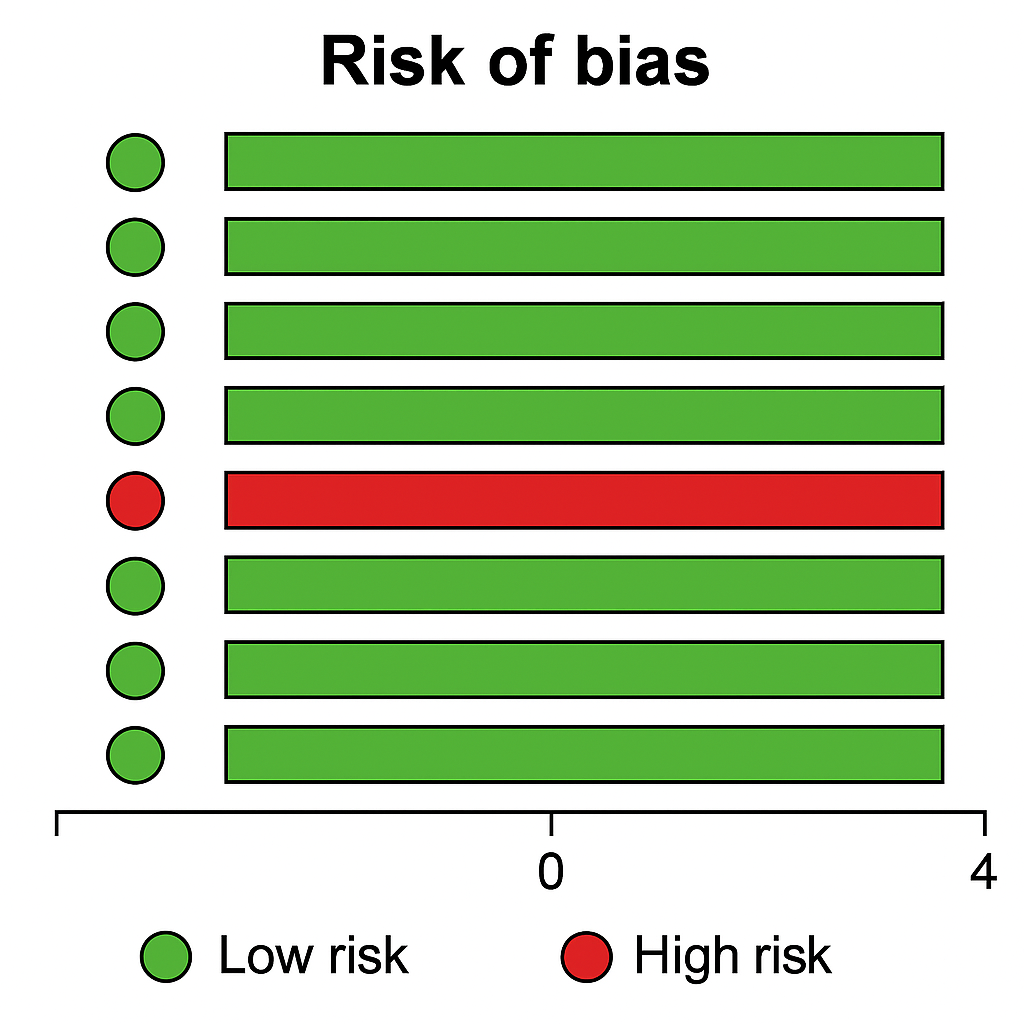


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**Conclusion**

The Conclusion section of a systematic review in dentistry should succinctly summarize the main findings and their implications for clinical practice, policy, or future research. Authors must ensure that conclusions are directly supported by the synthesized evidence and avoid overstating results. In accordance with EQUATOR Network guidelines such as PRISMA, the section should reflect transparency, clarity, and alignment with the review’s objectives. Limitations of the evidence base and potential areas for further investigation should be acknowledged. A well-structured conclusion reinforces the relevance and impact of the review within the dental field.

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