Appendix 3- Systematic Review Classification Criteria

1. Check the abstract for the criteria listed below.

2. If it is not clear from the abstract if the paper is a systematic review based on criteria, then the full text must be retrieved for evaluation.

3. If it is still not clear, mark with “?” and discuss with 2nd reviewer.

4. If not clear with either reviewer, mark with the original publication type assigned.

Criteria:

- Specific clinical question

- Documentation of methods to identify literature
  - If author states it was "comprehensively" or "systematically" done then that fulfills this criteria
  - If using electronic databases (must use more than one database)
  - If using other resource types, must demonstrate use of multiple sources for identifying studies

- Inclusion and/or exclusion criteria noted

- Synthesis noted