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Section and Topic	Item #	Checklist item	Location where item is reported
TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review.	The report is identified as a systematic review in the title" A Systematic Review of Flood Management Evolution, with Emphasis on How Generative AI Reshapes Prediction-to-Decision Pathways"
ABSTRACT			
Abstract	2	See the PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist.	Abstract section (pp. 1–2); includes background, objectives, methods (PRISMA, databases, years), results (77 studies), and conclusions.
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of existing knowledge.	Introduction, pp. 1–4 (discussion of climate change, flood risks, limitations of traditional flood management, and gap in communicative/decision-support roles of AI)
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses.	Section 2: Research Questions (RQ1–RQ5), pp. 4–5
METHODS			
Eligibility criteria	5	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses.	Sections 3.2 and 3.3 (Screening and Selection Process; Eligibility Criteria), pp. 6–7
Information sources	6	Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted.	Section 3.1 Literature Identification Strategy, pp. 5–6 (ScienceDirect, Google Scholar, Springer Nature, Scopus, Web of Science, Dimensions; coverage 2010–2025)
Search strategy	7	Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used.	Section 3.1, pp. 5–6 (keywords, Boolean operators, time span 2010–2025; adapted per database)
Selection process	8	Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclusion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record and each report retrieved, whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Sections 3.2–3.3, pp. 6–7 (two-stage screening: title/abstract and full-text; PRISMA flow described; reviewer independence not explicitly stated)
Data collection process	9	Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report, whether they worked independently, any processes for obtaining or confirming data from study investigators, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Section 3.4 Data Extraction and Synthesis, p. 7 (qualitative extraction of objectives, AI methods, data sources, applications, stakeholders, limitations)
Data items	10a	List and define all outcomes for which data were sought. Specify whether all results that were compatible with each outcome domain in each study were sought (e.g. for all measures, time points, analyses), and if not, the methods used to decide which results to collect.	Section 3.4, p. 7 (thematic outcomes: flood prediction, decision support, risk communication, generative AI applications)
	10b	List and define all other variables for which data were sought (e.g. participant and intervention characteristics, funding sources). Describe any assumptions made about any missing or unclear information.	Section 3.4, p. 7 (AI methods, data sources, application scenarios, stakeholder focus, ethical limitations)
Study risk of bias assessment	11	Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies, including details of the tool(s) used, how many reviewers assessed each study and whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Not explicitly reported (no formal risk-of-bias tool applied; qualitative synthesis rationale provided)
Effect measures	12	Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results.	Not applicable (qualitative synthesis; no meta-analysis or quantitative effect measures)

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Synthesis methods	13a	Describe the processes used to decide which studies were eligible for each synthesis (e.g. tabulating the study intervention characteristics and comparing against the planned groups for each synthesis (item #5)).	Sections 3.3–3.4, pp. 6–7 (thematic grouping after eligibility assessment)
	13b	Describe any methods required to prepare the data for presentation or synthesis, such as handling of missing summary statistics, or data conversions.	Section 3.4, p. 7 (qualitative synthesis; conceptual alignment across heterogeneous studies)
	13c	Describe any methods used to tabulate or visually display results of individual studies and syntheses.	Figures 1–4 and Table 1; Sections 3.1, 3.5, and Results section (pp. 6–12)
	13d	Describe any methods used to synthesize results and provide a rationale for the choice(s). If meta-analysis was performed, describe the model(s), method(s) to identify the presence and extent of statistical heterogeneity, and software package(s) used.	Section 3.4, p. 7 (qualitative thematic synthesis due to methodological diversity)
	13e	Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of heterogeneity among study results (e.g. subgroup analysis, meta-regression).	Not explicitly reported (heterogeneity discussed narratively in Results and Discussion)
	13f	Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of the synthesized results.	Not applicable (no quantitative synthesis conducted)
Reporting bias assessment	14	Describe any methods used to assess risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis (arising from reporting biases).	Not explicitly reported
Certainty assessment	15	Describe any methods used to assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome.	Not explicitly reported
RESULTS			
Study selection	16a	Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow diagram.	Section 3.5 PRISMA Flow Diagram and Framework Development; Figure 3; pp. 8–9 (19,587 identified, 77 included)
	16b	Cite studies that might appear to meet the inclusion criteria, but which were excluded, and explain why they were excluded.	Section 3.2 Screening and Selection Process, pp. 6–7 (233 irrelevant/general/non-peer-reviewed; 57 duplicates)
Study characteristics	17	Cite each included study and present its characteristics.	Results Section 4 and Supplementary thematic discussion; Tables and narrative synthesis, pp. 8–15
Risk of bias in studies	18	Present assessments of risk of bias for each included study.	Not reported (qualitative review; no formal risk-of-bias assessment conducted)
Results of individual studies	19	For all outcomes, present, for each study: (a) summary statistics for each group (where appropriate) and (b) an effect estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval), ideally using structured tables or plots.	Section 4 Results of the Systematic Review, pp. 8–15 (thematic presentation of findings across studies)
Results of syntheses	20a	For each synthesis, briefly summarise the characteristics and risk of bias among contributing studies.	Section 4 (Thematic synthesis: flood alerts, policy support, post-flood reconstruction), pp. 8–15
	20b	Present results of all statistical syntheses conducted. If meta-analysis was done, present for each the summary estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval) and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect.	Not applicable
	20c	Present results of all investigations of possible causes of heterogeneity among study results.	Section 4 Results and Discussion; pp. 12–16 (narrative discussion of methodological, regional, and application-level heterogeneity across



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			studies)
	20d	Present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesized results.	Not applicable (qualitative synthesis; no sensitivity analyses conducted)
Reporting biases	21	Present assessments of risk of bias due to missing results (arising from reporting biases) for each synthesis assessed.	Not reported
Certainty of evidence	22	Present assessments of certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for each outcome assessed.	Not reported
DISCUSSION			
Discussion	23a	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence.	Discussion integrated within Sections 4 and 5; pp. 12–18
	23b	Discuss any limitations of the evidence included in the review.	Section 4 and Conclusions; pp. 15–18 (data quality, bias, access, uncertainty, ethical concerns)
	23c	Discuss any limitations of the review processes used.	Implicitly discussed in Methodology and Discussion; pp. 6–7 and 15–18 (qualitative synthesis, no meta-analysis)
	23d	Discuss implications of the results for practice, policy, and future research.	Sections 4.2, 4.3, and 5; pp. 10–18
OTHER INFORMATION			
Registration and protocol	24a	Provide registration information for the review, including register name and registration number, or state that the review was not registered.	Not registered
	24b	Indicate where the review protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared.	No protocol prepared.
	24c	Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol.	Not applicable
Support	25	Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the review, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the review.	Funding section, p. 20
Competing interests	26	Declare any competing interests of review authors.	Conflicts of Interest section, p. 20
Availability of data, code and other materials	27	Report which of the following are publicly available and where they can be found: template data collection forms; data extracted from included studies; data used for all analyses; analytic code; any other materials used in the review.	Data Availability Statement, p. 20

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