



Cochrane Bias Methods Group

Annual Report 2019

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- Matt Page, Australia

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BMG Newsletter and website



Newsletter

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New Bias Methods Group co-convenor



We are happy to announce that Julian Higgins (University of Bristol, UK) has taken up the position of co-convenor of the Bias Methods Group. We welcome Julian to the group and look forward to collaborating.

For more information about Julian and other co-convenors of the group, please visit the Bias Methods Group [website](#).

Cochrane capacity-building training event on risk of bias assessment, 10-12 July 2019, Bristol, UK



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New BMG co-convenor: Julian Higgins

New co-convenor

Programme for the Bias Methods Group Open Meeting now available

News

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RoB 2 tool

Risk of bias

Tweets by @CochraneBias

Cochrane News

- Cochrane seeks Assistant Editor - London, UK
- Featured Review: Can people stop smoking by cutting down the amount they smoke first?
- Cochrane seeks Community Support Officer - permanent, part time, flexible location
- New Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions
- Publication of Cochrane Review: 'Exercise therapy for chronic fatigue syndrome'

More

Activities

- Julian Higgins new co-convenor
- Four teleconferences
- Newsletter
- Website
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Publications

- **Cochrane Handbook of Systematic Reviews of Interventions, 4th edition published**
 - Chapter 7: Considering bias and conflicts of interest among the included studies
 - Chapter 8: Assessing risk of bias in a randomized trial
 - Chapter 13: Assessing risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis
 - Chapter 25: Assessing risk of bias in a non-randomized study
- RoB 2 published in BMJ
- Commentary: JCE

Ongoing work/next year

- RoB-Me: Tool to assess bias due to missing data in a meta-analysis
- TACIT: Tool to address funding and conflict of interest in trials included in a systematic review
- RoB 2: Training and implementation

Colloquium Workshops

Before the open meeting (Thursday 24 October)

Monday 21 October 2019

Methods Symposium: Developing robust review protocols with increasingly diverse evidence

14.00-17.00, Co-chairs: Julian Higgins & Joanne McKenzie

Tuesday 22 October 2019

Workshop: Assessing risk of bias in randomized trials: RoB 2

14.00-15.30, Facilitators: Jelena Savovic, Julian Higgins, Matthew Page

Wednesday 23 October 2019

Workshop: Assessing risk of bias in non-randomized studies of interventions
(1): introduction to the ROBINS-I tool

11.00-12.30, Facilitators: Jonathan Sterne, Julian Higgins, Jelena Savovic

Colloquium Workshops

Thursday 24 October 2019

Workshop: Assessing risk of bias in non-randomized studies of interventions (2): an online tool to facilitate risk of bias assessments using the ROBINS-I tool
11.00-12.30, Facilitators: Julian Higgins, Jelena Savovic, Jonathan Sterne

Workshop: Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) 2019 statement: checklist workshop
11.00-12.30, Facilitators: Matthew Page, Joanne McKenzie

Special session: Cochrane and complex reviews: methodological advances in the new Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions
14.00-15.30, Facilitators: S Brennan, M Cumpston, J Higgins, J McKenzie, J Thomas, V Welch

Workshop: Incorporating information on funding and conflicts of interest in trials when conducting a Cochrane Review - the TACIT tool
16.00-17.30, Facilitators: Andreas Lundh, Asbjørn Hróbjartsson

Conclusion and questions

