

# David Moher Methods Symposium: Bias and Beyond

## Introduction

*September 15th 2018, 13.30-13.40*

Asbjørn Hróbjartsson

on behalf of the organizing committee.

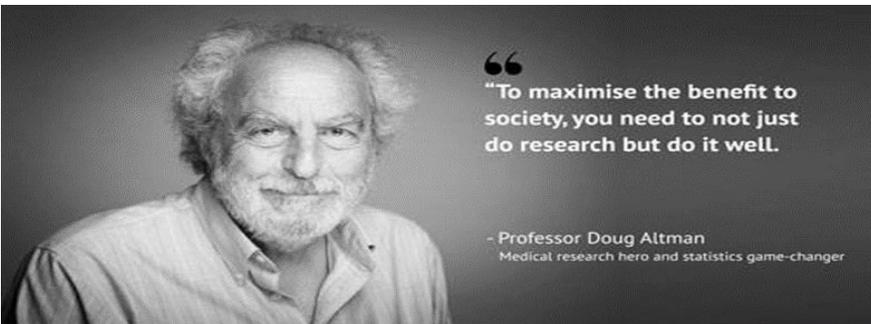


# Thanks

- David Moher
- Cochrane for funding
- Bias Methods Group Organizing committee
  - **Doug Altman**
  - Isabelle Boutron
  - Matt Page
  - Camilla Hansen
  - Asbjørn Hróbjartsson

# Doug Altman

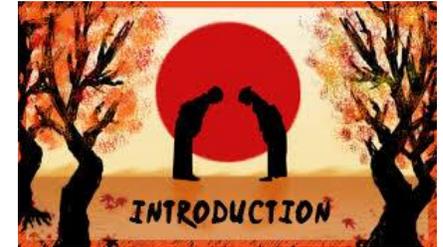
- Passed away June 3rd 2018
- Doug and David were co-convenors of the Bias Methods Group
  - David Moher stepped down as co-convenor in 2017
- Doug was instrumental for setting up the Methods Symposium
  - Strong supporter
  - Head of the Scientific Committee
  - On May 23rd informed the BMG that his illness had progressed and he expressed regret that he could not attend



# David Moher Methods Symposium

## Aim

- To celebrate David's very considerable impact on research synthesis methodology
- To reflect on selected themes within methods research relevant for the Cochrane community



# Programme

Time	Presenter	Title
13.30-13.40	Asbjørn Hróbjartsson	Introduction
13.40-14.00	Sally Hopewell	Web-CONSORT - active implementation of reporting guidelines
14.00-14.20	Anna Noel-Storr	Semi-automation in evidence production: introducing Screen For Me
14.20-14.40	Matthew Page	Towards PRISMA 2019: updating a list of essential reporting items for systematic reviews and meta-analyses
14.40-15.00	Larissa Shamseer	Predatory journals: overview of the new kid on the block and implications for Cochrane reviews
<b>15.00-15.30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
15.30-15.50	Andrea Tricco	Rapid reviews: ongoing research and next steps
15.50-16.10	Philippe Ravaud	Living network meta-analysis. Improving evidence synthesis and beyond
16.10-16.30	Evan Mayo-Wilson	Cherry picking results: Effects on clinical trial reports and systematic reviews
16.30-16.50	Joanne McKenzie & Sue Brennan	In systematic reviews we trust? Developing GRADE for overviews of reviews
16.50-16.55	David Moher	Comment
16.55-17.00	Isabelle Boutron and Asbjørn Hróbjartsson	Concluding remarks

## Practicalities

**20 min per talk**  
**-15 min presentation**  
**-5 min discussion**

**Some presenters have worked closely with David and have been given the option of sharing an anecdote**

# David Moher and research

- Reporting guidelines

- **CONSORT** and 16 key extensions
- SPIRIT
- PRISMA and 8 key extensions
- PRISMA-P
- **Methodology** of reporting guideline
- AMSTAR2, STARD, CARE, CHEERS, ...



- Editing and publishing

- EiC of **Systematic Review**
- Predatory Journals



- Bias

- Meta-epidemiology
- Reporting bias (methods group)



# David Moher and research impact

- Changed perception of what is important
  - **Reporting of research matters**
  - **Publication** and **reporting of research** is potentially **biased**
- Major source of inspiration
  - Mentor
  - Collaborator
- Cited by fellow researchers
  - h index = 121
  - 22 papers > 1000 citations



Stop.  
Make a  
Change.



# David Moher and research collaboration

- Honor the scientific endeavor
  - **Curiosity** and creativity (“We had great fun”)
  - **Methodological rigor** and persistence
  - **Relevance** of research question
- Pay tribute to scientific collaboration
  - David has had **1488 co-authors**
  - Core person for
    - Cochrane
    - EQUATOR
    - BMG



# Welcome to the David Moher Methods Symposium: Bias and Beyond