



# Cochrane Methods Bias

## 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

The Cochrane methods training event for 2019 will focus on new risk-of-bias tools, including RoB 2, ROBINS-I and tools in development for assessing conflicts of interest and non-reporting biases. This 3-day event will be held in Bristol, UK from 10-12 July 2019. **Attendance will be restricted to nominees from Cochrane groups** (maximum one per Cochrane Review Group). If you are keen to represent your group and provide ongoing support in implementation of these tools in Cochrane, please contact your Managing Editor or Co-ordinating Editor.

### Version 6 of the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* now available to Cochrane members

The complete content of the book version of the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* is now available to Cochrane members on the Cochrane

website. You can find all chapters [here](#) (Archie login required).

The updated Handbook includes the following four chapters on bias-relevant issues:

- ♦ [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

The book is currently undergoing copy editing by Wiley, and once completed the publicly available browsable version will be produced. The book version is anticipated to be out early in the second half of 2019.

## We welcome your thoughts

As of March 2019, the Bias Methods Group has 246 registered members. It is our wish to engage with our members as much as possible. Therefore, we welcome all members to use the e-mail list of the Bias Methods Group to distribute any important information or engage in discussions. This is an opportunity to reach a large group of researchers across the world who are interested in bias.

If you wish to distribute any information through the BMG List, please send an e-mail with the text for the e-mail and a brief introduction to [camilla.hansen3@rsyd.dk](mailto:camilla.hansen3@rsyd.dk).

## March reading list

We have been keeping an eye on the methods literature, and think our members may be interested in the following articles published recently:

Deeks JJ, Hopewell S, Moher D et al. Doug Altman's legacy to Cochrane and evidence synthesis. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*. 2018;8:ED000127. PMID: [30221350](#)

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Wolff R, Moons KGM, Riley RD, et al. PROBAST: a tool to assess the risk of bias and applicability of prediction model studies. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 2019;170(1):51-58. PMID: [30596875](#)

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Goldacre B, Drysdale H, Dale A, et al. COMPare: a prospective cohort study correcting and monitoring 58 misreported trials in real time. *Trials* 2019;20(1):118. PMID: [30760329](#)

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Janiaud P, Cristea IA, Ioannidis J. Industry-funded versus non-profit-funded critical care research: a meta-epidemiological overview. *Intensive Care Medicine* 2018;44(10): 1613-1627. PMID: [30151688](#)

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Jefferson T, Doshi P, Boutron I, et al. When to include clinical study reports and regulatory documents in systematic reviews. *BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine* 2018;23(6):210-217. PMID: [30309870](#)

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Lunny C, Brennan SE, McDonald S, McKenzie JE. Toward a comprehensive evidence map of overview of systematic review methods: paper 2 – risk of bias assessment; synthesis, presentation and summary of

the findings; and assessment of the certainty of the evidence. Systematic Reviews 2018;7(1):159. PMID: [30314530](#)

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Scherer RW, Meerpohl JJ, Pfeifer N, et al. Full publication of results initially presented as abstracts. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2018;(11):MR000005. PMID: [30480762](#)

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Laursen DRT, Paludan-Müller AS, Hróbjartsson A. Randomized clinical trials with run-in periods: frequency, characteristics and reporting. Clinical Epidemiology 2019;11:169-184. PMID: [30809104](#)

## Contact us

The Bias Methods Group is hosted by Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine Odense (CEBMO), at Odense University Hospital in Denmark. If you have any comments or questions, please share them with us.

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