**Campbell & Cochrane Economics Methods Group**

**Update Report Dec 2018**

**Convenors**

Three nominations were received and a vote held to elect 2 convenors. The successful individuals are: Pia Johansson (SBU, Sweden) and Denny John, (Campbell, India). Both people will be contacted after this meeting inviting them to join the convenors group

**Website**

Further Changes to the website have been made (https://methods.cochrane.org/economics/). The website will be updated with the new convenors in due course

**Workshops and Colloquium**

*Cochrane Colloquium*

A Methods Workshop on brief economic commentaries was presented at the Cochrane Colloquium in Edinburgh. A satellite workshop based on the Cochrane online module on health economics was also presented, both workshops were very well attended.

Approximately 25 people attended the satellite workshop presented by Luke Vale and Denny John (Campbell)

The brief economic commentary workshop was presented by Patricia Aluko and Luke Vale this was also well attended with a similar number of attendees. There was a lively debate over the merits and limitations of the brief economic commentary approach. The consensus was that the approach whilst far from perfect has value in circumstances where the alternative was doing nothing but that an integrated full review of economic evidence would be superior, although limitations with this were also noted especially relating to publication biases and generalisability

**Wider Cochrane Developments**

***Handbook***

Cochrane handbook chapter is scheduled for publication in the new year. The expectation is that a final set of editorial/copy editing comments will need to be addressed before publication. The chapter is currently accessible for those with an ARCHIE login. As mentioned in previous updates the chapter focuses on the brief economic commentaries approach. To support chapter three supplementary files are now in preparation by the new Campbell & Cochrane researcher based in Newcastle – Pauline Sobiesuo

* A brief outline of economic concepts
* A description of the process for the integrated full review of economic evidence
* A glossary of terms based on chapter 10 of the 2010 book “Shemilt I, Mugford M, Donaldson C, Vale L, Marsh K. Evidence based economics. Wiley Books, London, 2010.

It is hoped that a draft for each will be ready for review in the new year

***Support to other Cochrane Groups***

The group is supporting Ashleigh Kernohan in taking on a role as an associate economic editor for Cochrane Eyes and Vision Group. Ashliegh is a practicing optometrist and has recently completed a PhD in health economics at GlasgowCaledonian (supervised by Professors Cam Donaldson and Helen Mason). Ashleigh has already completed a number of brief economic commentaries and integrated full reviews of economic evidence for the Cochrane Gynaecological and Orphan Cancer group

Working with the Cochrane Incontinence, which is collocated at Newcastle University, a proposal to support editorial bases of other Cochrane Groups considering supporting review teams incorporate economics into reviews. Tools to assist editorial groups at the title registration stage and at peer review are being produced. The Cochrane incontinence group editorial position is that all new reviews and updates should include at least a brief economic commentary. To support this the groups specialist trial registry is being expanded to include economic evaluations that cover topics within the groups remit.

***Papers***

Reviews containing BECs and Integrated full reviews of economic evidence are now in the editorial process for Cochrane Incontinence; EPOC, and the Gynaecological and Orphan Cancer group.

A review using the methods groups methodology has just been submitted to WHO. Co-author Pauline Sobiesuo

**GRADE guidelines: 23. Going from evidence to recommendations: considering resource use and modelling evidence for cost-effectiveness.** Ian Shemilt1,2, Luke Vale L1,3, Francis Ruiz1,4, Michael F Drummond1,5, Joanne Lord1,6, Erin Graybill E1,7, Kirsten H Herrmann1,8 Holger J Schünemann9, GRADE Working Group. Is finally cleared by GRADE for submission to the Journal of Clinical Epidemiology

**Campbell update**

***Methods guide update***

The following programme of work has been agreed and any volunteers to assist would be appreciated.

a) Review of systematic reviews reporting economic methods and outcomes in Campbell library (Denny John to Lead)

b) Discussion paper on Economic Evidence in Systematic Reviews

c) Update the Campbell Economic Methods Brief

d) Initiate some work on equity considerations in cost-effectiveness analysis

This has now been agreed. Work has not proceeded as yet but the increased role of Denny John and Pia Johansson as convenors may facilitate this.

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A workshop on systematic reviews, economic evaluation and Health Technology assessment was held in Hyderabad 16-20 July. The workshop was attended by 15 people and was very well received. A plan for a further workshop in Delhi is proposed for April 2018.