Will this be a review of reviews?
• Reviews, rather than trials, are the target of the search for Overviews. Synthesis of results is at the review level.

Does this title fit with CRG priorities?
• Since one function of Overviews is to provide a "friendly front end" to a related suite of Cochrane Reviews, CRGs may wish to prioritize the development of Overviews that best meet this need in their own content area.

Does it compare multiple interventions with the intent of drawing inferences about the comparative effectiveness of the interventions (e.g., finding out the estimate of treatment effect between any two interventions and the rank order of these interventions)?

In rare instances, an Overview may be used for this purpose, but it must meet all of the following criteria. Does it meet them all?
• Reviews (not trials) must be the target of the search strategy and used in analyses
• Overview authors must have a plan to ensure the transitivity assumption (http://cmimg.cochrane.org/glossary/1#term20) will be met
• Up-to-date and non-overlapping reviews are available for all of the interventions of interest
• Included reviews taken a consistent approach to inclusion criteria, selection of outcomes and approach to heterogeneity

Do the authors intend to present a map of the evidence from Cochrane Reviews with no attempt to rank the interventions?

Does the overview fit with one of the other uses of Overviews outlined below?
• Summarize evidence from more than one SR of the same intervention for the same condition or problem where different outcomes are addressed in different SRs
• Summarize evidence from more than one SR of the same intervention for different conditions, problems or populations
• Summarize evidence about adverse effects of a single intervention or a class of related interventions from more than one SR of use of the intervention(s) for one or more conditions.

Authors or CRGs may find other uses for Overviews that have not been covered by current Cochrane guidance. The CMIMG is interested in learning of such potential uses as they arise and exploring their possibilities.
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