

Campbell & Cochrane Economics Methods Group

Update Report May 2019

Website

As of 21st May there is a problem accessing the methods group website. Similar problems appear to be experienced by some other methods groups but not review groups.

Workshops and Colloquium

Since last meeting

The following workshop was held at the 'National Symposium on Evidence Synthesis for Medicine, Public Health and Social Development' on April 10-12, 2019 at New Delhi, India.

(<http://nse2019.in/>). The following sessions were held:

a) Pre-symposium workshop on economic evidence; Clinical Guidelines- Costs, cost-effectiveness in clinical guidelines (UK perspective)

Seminar on the Indian Faculty of Public Health April 9th. Health Technology Assessment: an introduction.

Denny John gave a 2-day workshop on 'Systematic Reviews and Economic Evidence in Public and Global Health' at University of Heidelberg

Forthcoming

Denny John has a session on The methodological and reporting characteristics of economic methods and outcomes in Campbell reviews: A systematic review accepted at the what work global summit in Mexico City in October 2019.

Denny John has a workshop on Integrating economic methods in systematic reviews related to social sciences accepted at the what work global summit in Mexico City in October 2019.

Denny John has been invited by University of Ghana, School of Public Health, for a workshop from May 20-24 for participants from the African region. This will take a similar format to the Indian Workshop

Denny John and Ian Shemilt have 2 workshop slots accepted at the forthcoming Cochrane Colloquium in Santiago, Chile in October 2019. Workshop choices are between Brief Economic Commentaries (1 session) or Full Integrated review of economic methods (2 sessions)

Wider Cochrane Developments

Handbook

Cochrane handbook chapter is now in copy editing (The chapter is currently accessible for those with an ARCHIE login). Copy editing comments are due in June

Additional chapter on methods for an integrated full review of economic evidence has been prepared and comments have been addressed.

An additional supplementary file 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. Is with Cate for proof reading

A second supplementary file: A brief outline of economic concepts is to be prepared by Pauline Sobiesuo.

Other activities

Luke Vale and Ian Shemilt have been invited to join a potential GRADE working group looking at Proposal for a: Economic Evidence GRADE project led by María X. Rojas. An initial meeting Will be held in Hamilton, Canada 9-10 June.

Ian Shemilt is contributing to a GRADE working Group on GRADE for modelled Evidence

Papers

There is scope to write a response to a paper on QALYs being fatally wounded. Peter Tugwell has indicated that they would welcome a commentary for JCE (“JCE would welcome a Commentary (up to 3000 words-details on JCE website) from you with whoever else you would like to invite to join you”

Patricia Aluko is preparing an editorial on the role of brief economic commentaries for submission to systematic reviews

Campbell update

Methods guide update

Agreed work for updating the method guide has started.

- 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 (Pauline Sobiesuo leading)
- c) Update the Campbell Economic Methods Brief
- d) Initiate some work on equity considerations in cost-effectiveness analysis

A review protocol has been drafted by Denny John for (a) and a title registration form has been lodged with Campbell

Grants

Ian Shemilt, James Thomas and the Cochrane Incontinence Group have been awarded the following grant: “Use of Microsoft Academic Graph and automation tools to establish and maintain new CRG Specialised Registers of Economic Evaluations alongside existing CRG Specialised Registers of controlled trials”. Funder: the CRG Networks Innovations Fund 2019.