Cochrane Methods
Bias

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Highlight:
Rollout of the revised Cochrane tool to assess risk of bias in randomized trials (RoB 2)

Research and development

- Leading the work on developing a tool for assessing risk of bias due to missing evidence (ROB-ME) – preliminary version now available.
- Leading the work on developing a tool for addressing conflicts of interest in randomised trials (TACIT) – preliminary version is being pilot-tested.
- Leading the work on developing version 2 of the Risk Of Bias In Non-randomized Studies of Interventions (ROBINS-I) tool.
- Leading a living network meta-analysis of interventions for COVID-19.
- Release of a preliminary version of ROBINS-E.

Best practice and guidance

- Leading quality control on the risk of bias assessments of trials in living network meta-analysis of interventions for COVID-19.
- Contribute to updating SPIRIT and CONSORT reporting guidelines.

Methods implementation

- Workshop on risk of bias assessments.
- Paper in BMJ EBM on RoB2.
- Provided feedback on Cochrane's new Editorial Manager system.
- Available to support Cochrane Reviews.