

Cochrane Methods Symposium

Tuesday 24 September 2013 from 9.00-1600

The Amphitheatre, 1811-A, Ferdinand-Vandry pavilion, Faculté de médecine, Université Laval, Québec

Data, Outcomes, Uncertainty and Graphs *Advances and Limitations in Trials, Meta-Analysis, and Novelties*

Final programme

08:30-09:00		Registration
09:00-10:30	Session 1	Chair: Gerd Antes
	Julian Higgins	Welcome
	Kay Dickersin	Multiple data sources exist for systematic reviews: The most important ones are hidden
	An-Wen Chan	The selective, non-transparent reporting of clinical trial results: additional solutions to deter selective reporting
	Anna Chaimani	Network Meta-epidemiology: assessing the various impacts on the relative treatment effects and ranking of competing treatments
	Discussion	
10:30-11:00	Coffee	
11:00-12:15	Session 2	Chair: Barney Reeves
	David Moher	How to improve the credibility of EBM: conduct and reporting of medical research
	Agnes Dechartres	Treatment effect in meta-analyses : comparison of different strategies for analysis
	Ian Shrier	A structural approach to bias
	Discussion	
12:15-13:15	Lunch	
13:15-14:45	Session 3	Chair: Julian Higgins
	Jon Deeks	Challenges and problems in using randomised trials to assess the effects of diagnostic and monitoring tests on patient outcomes and the alternative approaches to evaluation required
	Jo McKenzie	Addressing baseline imbalance in trials included in systematic reviews
	Ralf Bender	Interval estimation of risk differences based upon independent interval estimates of the relative risk and the baseline risk
	Gerta Rücker	Network meta-analysis: Applying graph theory
	Discussion	
14:45-15:00	Tea	
15:00-16:00	Session 4	Chair: Isabelle Boutron
15:00-15:15	Lisa Bero	Why the Cochrane risk of bias tool should include funding source as a standard item
15:15-15:30	Jonathan Sterne	Why the Cochrane risk of bias tool should not include funding source as a standard item
15:30-15:50	All	Open discussion
15.50-16:00	Doug Altman	Signing off: Data, Outcomes, Uncertainty and Graphs <i>Advances and Limitations in Trials, Meta-Analysis, and Novelties</i>

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