

## Reviewer forms

The following questions are included on every review form:

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Do you own a commercial organization with a financial interest in the topic of the article?

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Are you an author of a study that might be included in the review?

### **Acknowledgement**

Do you agree to being acknowledged as a peer reviewer in the published article?

Do you agree to being acknowledged as a peer reviewer in a list of peer reviewers on a Cochrane website?

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Specific questions for different reviewer roles, and review types, are shown below.

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## 1. Standard review form

Thank you for agreeing to comment on this Cochrane review. Cochrane reviews are systematic reviews of primary research in human health care and health policy and are internationally recognised as the highest standard in evidence-based health care. A protocol for this systematic review, describing the rationale for the review, the objectives, and the methods, has already been peer reviewed and published on [The Cochrane Library](#) in advance of conducting the full review. Standard Cochrane methods are described in the [Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions](#).

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## 2. Protocol: All review types (Information Specialist)

For more information on this form and peer review of searches in Cochrane, please see [Search peer review](#).

QUESTIONNAIRE (visible to authors and editors)

MECIR ELEMENTS

*This part of the form is structured around the search-related mandatory requirements for Cochrane intervention protocols as detailed in the MECIR standards for reporting protocols. The complete MECIR manual can be found here: <https://community.cochrane.org/mecir-manual>*

**\*1. Search sources**

**PR17 List all sources that will be searched, including: CRG specialized register(s), CENTRAL, other databases, trials registers, websites and grey literature.**

See also *related conduct standards C24, C26 and C27* for sources that are mandatory to search and therefore should be listed in the protocol

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

*If "B" or "C," please provide an explanation or example:*

**\*2. Reference checking**

**PR17 ...State whether reference lists will be searched and whether individuals or organizations will be contacted.**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**\*3. Search restrictions**

**PR18 Specify and justify any restrictions to be placed on the search (e.g. time period or publication format).**

See also *related conduct standards C19 and C35* for more information on restrictions

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**\*4. Searches for different types of evidence**

**PR19 Some reviews (e.g. qualitative, adverse effects, ...) extend beyond a focus on the effects of healthcare interventions and address specific additional types of evidence.**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

*If "B" or "C," please provide an explanation or example:*

**\*5. Search strategy (or strategies)**

**PR20 Present the complete search strategy (or strategies) to be implemented for at least one database in an Appendix, including any limits and filters to be used.**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

*If "B" or "C," please provide an explanation or example:*

## PRESS ELEMENTS

This part of the form presents the PRESS elements (adapted by the Cochrane Information Specialist Support Team) for assessing the main database search strategy provided in the protocol. Where appropriate, each item also details the relevant MECIR conduct standard.

### \*6. TRANSLATION/STRUCTURE OF SEARCH

**C32 Inform the structure of search strategies in bibliographic databases around the main concepts of the review, using appropriate elements from PICO and study design. In structuring the search, maximize sensitivity whilst striving for reasonable precision.**

See full MECIR item [here](#)

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### \*7. BOOLEAN AND PROXIMITY OPERATORS

**C32 ...ensure correct use of the AND and OR operators.** See full MECIR item [here](#)

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### \*8. SUBJECT HEADINGS

**C33 Identify appropriate controlled vocabulary (e.g. MeSH, Emtree, including 'exploded' terms).** See full MECIR item [here](#)

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### \*9. TEXT WORD SEARCHING

**C33 ... and free-text terms (considering, for example, spelling variants, synonyms, acronyms, truncation and proximity operators).** See full MECIR item [here](#)

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C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

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### \*10. SPELLING, SYNTAX, AND LINE NUMBERS

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**\*11. LIMITS AND FILTERS**

**C19 ... ensuring that relevant time periods ... and not restricted by language or publication status.**

**C34 Use specially designed and tested search filters where appropriate including the Cochrane Highly Sensitive Search Strategies for identifying randomized trials in MEDLINE, but do not use filters in pre-filtered databases e.g. do not use a randomized trial filter in CENTRAL or a systematic review filter in DARE. See full MECIR items [here](#)**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

If “B” or “C,” please provide an explanation or example:

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**\*OVERALL EVALUATION FOR THE SEARCH METHODS SECTION and the PRIMARY DATABASE SEARCH STRATEGY (Note: If one or more “revision required” is noted above, the response below must be “revisions required”).**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Additional comments:**

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### 3. Protocol: Intervention review (Clinical)

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QUESTIONNAIRE (visible to editors only)

	Yes	No	Not applicable
*Is the protocol clear and well written?			
*Is the protocol adequately referenced (e.g. statements supported by appropriate references)			
*Is the review question (as described in the background) important to consumers, policy makers and healthcare providers?			
*Are the study inclusion and exclusion criteria (study designs, population, interventions and comparators) appropriate and sufficiently described?			
*Are the outcomes appropriate, and are outcomes that are important to consumers included?			
*Are the methods for data collection and analysis appropriate and sufficiently described?			
*Are the methods planned for summarising and interpreting results suitable (including consideration of the overall strength of the evidence, clinical importance of results, contextual factors, and considerations of equity)?			

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#### 4. Protocol: Intervention review (Consumer)

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Consumer involvement is vital to Cochrane’s work. As a person with experience of the condition in this review, either directly or as carer or relation, your perspective is invaluable in helping to make the review relevant to people making decisions about their health.

In your peer review, we ask you to concentrate on the relevance of the Cochrane protocol to people affected by the condition, rather than the methodology, as this will be assessed by our editors and other peer reviewers before publication. We have included questions to consider when providing your feedback; however, please feel free to comment on any aspect of the Cochrane protocol in the additional comments box. Please note that the protocol will be copy-edited before publication, and you do not need to highlight typographical errors.

Please be aware that the contents of this Cochrane protocol are confidential until it is published. Therefore, if you wish to talk to other people about the Cochrane protocol or your peer review, please check with the editor who invited you to peer review first.

For more information on Cochrane reviews and information on completing this form, see [Peer reviewing as a consumer](#). If you would like more information on being a consumer contributor, please visit the [Cochrane Consumer Network website](#). Further information on the Cochrane Peer Review policy is available from the [Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource](#).

Most sections of the peer-review form are not mandatory to complete; however, mandatory questions are marked with a \* symbol. The most important sections for you to comment on are marked with a ^ symbol. **Please write in full sentences in the boxes provided (i.e. please don’t write just “yes” or “no”).**

QUESTIONNAIRE (visible to authors and editors)

**^ 1. Background:** Does the background explain the topic clearly (i.e. are the healthcare need and intervention clear)? If not, which words or phrases are not clear, or how would you describe them? Does the background address the hopes and concerns of people considering the treatment? Is it clear “why it is important to do the review”?

**2. Objectives:** Are the objectives of the Cochrane protocol clearly described? If not, which words or phrases are not clear, or can you suggest any improvements? Are the objectives relevant, and do you think they would help patients, carers and the public in making a healthcare decision? If not, please provide your reasons.

**3. Types of studies:** Is it clear what types of studies (e.g. randomised controlled trials, observational studies) are to be used? Are the study designs appropriate? If not, please suggest the addition or deletion of any study designs.

**^ 4. Types of participants:** Do the proposed participants cover all relevant groups of people who might want to use this treatment? If not, who else would it be helpful to include or exclude?

<b>^ 5. Types of interventions:</b> Are the study interventions and comparisons/controls clearly described? Are the included interventions appropriate? If not, please explain.
<b>^ 6. Types of outcome measures:</b> Are the outcome measures (benefits and harms/side effects) the ones that are important to consumers, patients and the public? Can you highlight any other outcomes that are important to users of this review?
<b>7. Search methods for identification of studies:</b> Do you have any comments on this section?
<b>8. Data collection and analysis:</b> Do you have any comments on this section?
<b>9. Declarations of interest:</b> Does the Cochrane protocol acknowledge possible interests of the authors (e.g. personal or financial) that could have influenced them?
<b>^ 11. Language and style of writing:</b> Is the Cochrane protocol reasonably easy to understand? Is the technical language used appropriately, and where possible, explained? If not, which sections need to be clearer and can you suggest any improvements? Is any language insensitive to consumers? Please suggest alternative phrases if possible.
<b>12. Words requiring further definition:</b> Please list below any words that you think need further definition.
<b>13. Additional comments:</b> Please add any other comments that you may have:

## 5. Protocol: Intervention review (Methodologist)

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The questions are designed to elicit yes/no responses, but further comments are encouraged for 'No' decisions and for marginal calls in the "Comments to author" section below. Please note the responses to the questionnaire will be sent to the editors handling this review, but will not be sent to authors.

QUESTIONNAIRE (visible to editors only)

	Yes	No	Partial	N/A	Text box



<b>BACKGROUND</b>					
Is there a clearly defined rationale for why it is important to do this review?					
Are the objectives, eligibility criteria, and PICO clear and logical from the background?					
<b>TYPES OF STUDIES</b>					
Are eligible trial designs stated and justified? Ideally authors should describe what makes a study quasi-randomised to show studies will be selected on this basis rather than the title of the publication or design labels.					
<b>TYPES OF PARTICIPANTS</b>					
Are participants clearly defined, for example, criteria around location, setting, diagnoses or definition of condition and demographic factors?					
Is there a plan for including studies with a subset of eligible participants?					
<b>TYPES OF INTERVENTIONS</b>					
Are interventions clearly defined, including mandatory components?					
Are active and inactive comparators adequately described?					
Are dose, frequency, duration and other aspects of the intervention adequately described?					
<b>OUTCOMES</b>					
Are the most important outcome selected (ideally no more than 7), do they distinguish between critical and important outcomes, do these include benefits and harms?					
Are outcomes adequately described? E.g. units, scales, timeframes, primary time point.					
Is there a hierarchy of which scale will be extracted if a study measures more than one scale for a given outcome?					
Will studies be included regardless of outcomes reported? If excluded based on outcomes reported, is appropriate rationale presented?					
<b>SELECTION OF STUDIES</b>					
Are two people working independently on selecting studies, with a plan for resolving disagreements, and for contacting trial authors if more information is required?					
<b>DATA EXTRACTION</b>					
Are two people working independently to extract outcome data, with a plan for resolving disagreements?					
Will the data extraction form be piloted?					
<b>RISK OF BIAS (Cochrane ROB tool)</b>					

Are two people working independently at all stages of risk of bias assessment, with a plan for resolving disagreements, and for contacting trial authors if more information is required?					
Is Cochrane ROB tool sufficiently described? Do any changes in domain have clear, robust justification?					
Is it appropriate to assess outcomes differently? If so, have authors considered this? For example, outcomes which are patient reported vs physician reported.					
<b>RISK OF BIAS (RoB 2)</b>					
<b>Assessment of risk of bias in included studies</b>					
Is the RoB2 tool stated and referenced?					
Have the authors stated the effect of interest (assignment or adherence)?					
Have the authors listed results which will be assessed using RoB2 including outcomes, outcome measures, and time points?					
If applicable, have authors stated how they will handle cluster and cross-over RCTs					
Will at least two authors independently assess RoB2 (with initials)?					
Are the domains of RoB2 listed?					
Are judgement options and how overall risk of bias is reached listed?					
Are the authors using a tool to manage RoB2 assessments?					
<b>Data synthesis (if applicable)</b>					
Have authors stated whether the primary analysis will include all eligible studies or just those with low risk of bias?					
<b>Subgroup analysis (if applicable)</b>					
Have authors considered whether overall risk of bias should be used as the basis for any subgroup analysis?					
<b>Sensitivity analysis (if applicable)</b>					
Have authors considered whether overall risk of bias should be used as the basis for any sensitivity analysis?					
<b>Summary of findings and assessment of the certainty of the evidence</b>					
Have authors stated how the RoB2 assessment will be used to assess the certainty of the evidence / GRADE / SoF?					
<b>Cluster RCTs and Cross-over RCTs</b>					
Have authors described methods for considering RoB in Cluster RCTs and Cross-over RCTs as per the interim guidance?					
<b>MEASURES OF TREATMENT EFFECT</b>					

Have the authors considered time-to-event data?					
<b>UNIT OF ANALYSIS</b>					
Are the following appropriately considered? a) Cross-over trials? b) Cluster trials considered? c) Multiple arm studies considered? Split-body designs considered?					
<b>MISSING DATA</b>					
Is there an appropriate plan for missing data?					
<b>HETEROGENEITY</b>					
Have authors described how heterogeneity will be assessed? Consider statistical heterogeneity, clinical heterogeneity and methodology heterogeneity?					
<b>DATA SYNTHESIS (THESE ITEMS COULD BE IN MEASURES OF TREATMENT EFFECT)</b>					
Have the authors stated the effect measures that will be used for continuous data and dichotomous data?					
Will meta-analysis be conducted only if there is sufficient similarity in studies?					
Has fixed / random effects been declared in advance?					
Have authors described intended methods for synthesizing studies without meta-analysis?					
<b>SUBGROUP ANALYSIS</b>					
Are subgroup analyses pre-defined and justified? (These should relate to the background and PICO and be kept to a minimum (i.e. 3-5)					
Will subgroups be assessed using the formal Test for Subgroup Differences in Review Manager?					
<b>SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS</b>					
Are sensitivity analyses clearly defined and appropriate? (i.e., ensure authors clearly understand the difference between sensitivity analyses (used to explore decisions made during the review process) and subgroup analyses (used to explore effect modifiers)					
<b>SUMMARY OF FINDINGS TABLE</b>					
Is there a clear plan to present only the most important comparisons included in the SoF table? Ensure one table per comparison.					
Are the most important outcomes (max 7) to be included in the SOF table pre-specified and consistently worded?					
Are adverse effects included?					
Have authors specified which time points and method of measurement will be prioritised for each outcome?					

<b>GRADE</b>					
Are two people working independently to assess the certainty of the body of evidence with a plan for resolving disagreements?					
Are GRADE considerations clearly described and appropriately referenced?					
<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>					
Are potential conflicts of interest acknowledged and planned for? (Check whether review authors are also authors on background references – if so, they may be review authors on included studies and will need to state in advance ‘we won’t conduct RoB or on our own studies’, etc?)					

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<b>3. Type of research included:</b> Is it clear what types of research (e.g. randomised controlled trials, observational studies) are to be used? Is the research design appropriate? If not, please suggest the addition or deletion of any research designs.
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<b>5. Search methods for identification of studies:</b> Do you have any comments on this section?
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<b>10. Additional comments:</b> Please add any other comments that you may have:

## 8. Protocol: Overview (Methods)

Thank you for agreeing to comment on this protocol for a Cochrane overview. Protocols are published first and indicate the intention to carry out a review. Cochrane overviews of reviews (overviews) are intended primarily to summarize multiple systematic reviews addressing the effects of two or more potential interventions for a single condition or health problem. You can read more about overviews in [Chapter 22](#) of the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions*. Each protocol needs to be explicit and comprehensive.

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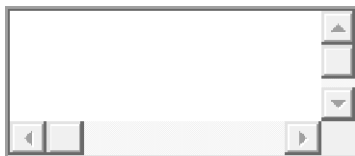
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	Yes	No	Not applicable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the methods enable the review authors to address the objectives?</li> <li>• Are the types of reviews to be included described and appropriate to the clinical question?</li> <li>• Are the participants adequately described and are the reasons for any restrictions appropriate?</li> <li>• Are the study interventions and comparators clearly described and is their selection appropriate?</li> <li>• Are the criteria used to assess methodological quality of included reviews clearly stated and appropriate?</li> <li>• Have the authors stated they will use the AMSTAR tool? AMSTAR (<a href="http://amstar.ca/Amstar_Checklist.php">http://amstar.ca/Amstar_Checklist.php</a>) is a measurement tool for the assessment of multiple systematic reviews (Shea at al. <u>Development of AMSTAR: a measurement tool to assess the methodological quality of systematic reviews</u> <i>BMC Med Res Methodol</i> 2007;7:10).</li> <li>• Are the criteria used to assess quality of evidence in included reviews clearly stated and appropriate?</li> <li>• Are the planned methods for summarising review results clear and appropriate?</li> <li>• Are any additional analyses clearly described and appropriate?</li> <li>• Have sources of heterogeneity been identified and used to inform the proposed subgroup analyses?</li> <li>• If there are particular methodological issues likely to be encountered in the topic area, have they been sufficiently described?</li> <li>• Have the authors described appropriate methods for summarising and interpreting their results, including consideration of the overall strength of the evidence, clinical importance of results, contextual factors and considerations of equity?</li> <li>• Do the authors plan to include an ‘Overviews of reviews’ table designed to reflect the ‘Summary of findings’ tables in Cochrane Intervention reviews?</li> </ul>			

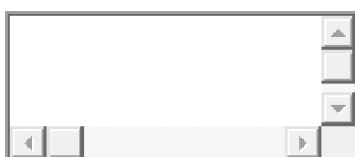


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## 9. Review: All review types (Information Specialist)

For more information on this form and peer review of searches in Cochrane, please see [Search peer review](#).

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MECIR ELEMENTS

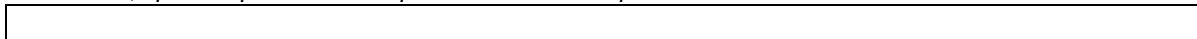
*This part of the form is structured around the search-related mandatory requirements for Cochrane intervention reviews as detailed in the MECIR standards for reporting updates. The complete MECIR manual can be found here: <https://community.cochrane.org/mecir-manual>*

### \*1. Search sources

**R33 List all sources searched, including: databases, trials registers, websites and grey literature. Database names should include platform or provider name (or both), and dates of coverage; websites should include full name and URL. State whether reference lists were searched and whether individuals or organizations were contacted. See also *related conduct standards C36, C24-31* for mandatory sources to search and how to document the search to ensure it can be reported correctly**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

If “B” or “C,” please provide an explanation or example:



**\*2. Latest searches**

**R34 Provide the date of the last search and the issue or version number (where relevant) for each database for which results were evaluated and incorporated into the review. If a search was rerun prior to publication, and its results were not incorporated, explain how the results were dealt with, and provide the date of the search. See also related conduct standards C37 & C38 for rerunning or updating searches and incorporating the findings for all relevant databases within 12 months before publication of the review.**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

If “B” or “C,” please provide an explanation or example:

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**\*3. Search restrictions**

**R35 Specify and justify any restrictions to be placed on the search (e.g. time period or publication format).**

See also related conduct standards C19 and C35 for more information on restrictions

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

If “B” or “C,” please provide an explanation or example:

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**\*4. Searches for different types of evidence**

**R46 Some reviews (e.g. qualitative, adverse effects, ...) extend beyond a focus on the effects of healthcare interventions and address specific additional types of evidence.**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

If “B” or “C,” please provide an explanation or example:

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**\*5. Search strategies for bibliographic databases**

**R37 Present the exact search strategy (or strategies) used for each database in an Appendix, including any limits and filters used, so that it could be replicated. See also related conduct standards C36, C32-35 for mandatory sources to search and how to document the to ensure it can be reported correctly**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**\*6. Search strategies for other sources**

**R38 Report the search terms used to search any sources other than bibliographic databases (e.g. trials registers, the web), and the dates of the searches. See also [related conduct standards C36](#) for documenting the search process**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

If "B" or "C," please provide an explanation or example:

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**PRESS ELEMENTS**

This part of the form presents the **PRESS** elements (adapted by the Cochrane Information Specialist Support Team) for assessing the main database search strategy provided in the protocol. Where appropriate, each item also details the relevant MECIR conduct standard.

**\*7. TRANSLATION/STRUCTURE OF SEARCH**

**C32 Inform the structure of search strategies in bibliographic databases around the main concepts of the review, using appropriate elements from PICO and study design. In structuring the search, maximize sensitivity whilst striving for reasonable precision.**

See full MECIR item [here](#)

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**\*8. BOOLEAN AND PROXIMITY OPERATORS**

**C32 ...ensure correct use of the AND and OR operators. See full MECIR item [here](#)**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**\*9. SUBJECT HEADINGS**

**C33 Identify appropriate controlled vocabulary (e.g. MeSH, Emtree, including 'exploded' terms). See full MECIR item [here](#)**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**\*10. TEXT WORD SEARCHING**

**C33 ... and free-text terms (considering, for example, spelling variants, synonyms, acronyms, truncation and proximity operators). See full MECIR item [here](#)**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**\*11. SPELLING, SYNTAX, AND LINE NUMBERS**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

If “B” or “C,” please provide an explanation or example:

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**\*12. LIMITS AND FILTERS**

**C19 ... ensuring that relevant time periods ... and not restricted by language or publication status.**

**C34 Use specially designed and tested search filters where appropriate including the Cochrane Highly Sensitive Search Strategies for identifying randomized trials in MEDLINE, but do not use filters in pre-filtered databases e.g. do not use a randomized trial filter in CENTRAL or a systematic review filter in DARE. See full MECIR items [here](#)**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**\*OVERALL EVALUATION FOR THE SEARCH METHODS SECTION and the PRIMARY DATABASE SEARCH STRATEGY (Note: If one or more “revision required” is noted above, the response below must be “revisions required”).**

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Additional comments:**

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**10. Review: Intervention (Clinical)**

Thank you for agreeing to comment on this Cochrane review. Cochrane reviews are systematic reviews of primary research in human health care and health policy and are internationally recognised as the highest standard in evidence-based health care. A protocol for this systematic review, describing the rationale for the review, the objectives, and the methods, has already been peer reviewed and published on [The Cochrane Library](#) in advance of conducting the full review. Standard Cochrane methods are described in the [Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions](#).

This short peer-review form includes the key questions we would like you to consider in your peer review of this review; however, if you would more detailed prompts to help guide your peer review, please see a more detailed version of our peer-review form for reviews available here: [https://documentation.cochrane.org/download/attachments/117380360/Peer-review-checklist\\_intervention-review\\_v3.docx?version=1&modificationDate=1563292295472&api=v2](https://documentation.cochrane.org/download/attachments/117380360/Peer-review-checklist_intervention-review_v3.docx?version=1&modificationDate=1563292295472&api=v2)

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	Yes	No	N/A
Is the review clear and well written?			
Is the review adequately referenced (e.g. statements supported by appropriate references)			
Does the Abstract clearly and accurately describe the content of the article?			
Does the Plain Language Summary (PLS) clearly and accurately describe the content of the article, in plain language?			
Do you think the data have been analysed appropriately?			
Are the results clearly described?			
Are the display items (figures and tables) suitable, clear and consistent with the text?			
Does the discussion appropriately contextualise and interpret the findings?			
Does the discussion provide adequate detail about the completeness and applicability of evidence, with consideration of issues of quality, bias, and health equity?			
Are the conclusions supported by the evidence?			
Do the conclusions address the main question posed?			
Do you think this review would help consumers, policy makers and healthcare providers make a healthcare decision?			

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## 11. Review: Intervention (Consumer)

Thank you for agreeing to comment on this Cochrane review. Cochrane reviews summarise the evidence about interventions (such as drugs, behaviour programmes, or devices) for a healthcare need. Cochrane reviews are intended to be used by people making a decision about health care, including consumers of health care, policy makers, and clinicians. Some of the language in Cochrane reviews is technical, but the Plain language summary should be straightforward to read,

and is intended to be used by consumers to help them make decisions about health care. A protocol for this systematic review, describing the rationale for the review, the objectives, and the methods, has already been peer reviewed and published on [The Cochrane Library](#) in advance of conducting the full review.

Consumer involvement is vital to Cochrane’s work. As a person with experience of the condition in this review, either directly or as carer or relation, your perspective is invaluable in helping to make the review relevant to people making decisions about their health.

In your peer review, we ask you to concentrate on the relevance of the Cochrane review to people affected by the condition. Please note the methods and analyses will be assessed by our editors and other peer reviewers before publication. We have included questions to consider when providing your feedback; however, please feel free to comment on any aspect of the Cochrane review in the additional comments box. Please note that the review will be copy-edited before publication, and you do not need to highlight typographical errors.

Please be aware that the contents of this Cochrane review are confidential until it is published. Therefore, if you wish to talk to other people about the Cochrane review or your peer review, please check with the editor who invited you to peer review first.

For more information on Cochrane reviews and information on completing this form, see [Peer reviewing as a consumer](#). If you would like more information on being a consumer contributor, please visit the [Cochrane Consumer Network website](#). Further information on the Cochrane Peer Review policy is available from the [Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource](#).

Most sections of the peer-review form are not mandatory to complete; however, mandatory questions are marked with a \* symbol. The most important sections for you to comment on are marked with a ^ symbol. Please note that the Plain language summary in particular is directed at consumers of healthcare treatments or services and is freely available to anyone worldwide. We are therefore most interested in your thoughts on this section. **Please write in full sentences in the boxes provided (i.e. please don’t write just “yes” or “no”).**

**1. Title:** Please note that the title has already been peer reviewed and agreed to in the published Cochrane protocol (available on the [Cochrane Library](#)). We therefore we do not expect you to comment on the title. If you can suggest an improvement, however, please do so here and the editors will consider it.

**2. Abstract:** Is there anything mentioned in the Cochrane review that may be important, but is missing from the Abstract? Do you think that the Abstract overstates or understates what was found in the Cochrane review?

**^ 3. Plain language summary title:** Does the Plain language summary title reflect the title of the Cochrane review, and is it easy to understand? If not, can you identify which words or phrases are difficult to understand, or could you suggest any improvements to the wording?

**^ 4. Plain language summary population:** Is the health problem or issue being addressed stated clearly?

**^ 5. Plain language summary interventions:** Are the interventions and comparisons/controls examined in the Cochrane review stated clearly and succinctly in this section?

**^ 6. Plain language summary findings:** Does the Plain language summary report the main findings from the Cochrane review clearly and accurately? Does it report on adverse effects or harms?

**^ 7. Plain language summary quality of evidence:** Does the Plain language summary describe the overall quality of the evidence, and comment on any issues that could affect the findings of the review?

**^ 8. Plain language summary consistency:** Do you think the findings in the PLS are consistent with the Abstract and the rest of the Cochrane review? Is there anything mentioned in the review that may be important, but is missing from the PLS? Do you think that the PLS overstates or understates what was found in the review?

**^ 9. Plain language summary usefulness:** Do you think the Plain language summary would help patients, carers and the public in making a healthcare decision? If not, is there anything missing from the Plain language summary that you think should be included? Do you have any other suggestions for improvement?

**10. Writing style of the Plain language summary:** Is the Plain language summary written in plain language and easy to understand? Are sentences too long or wordy? Are there any parts that you think should be rewritten?

**11. Terminology in the Plain language summary:** Are abbreviations, research terms and technical terms avoided or explained? If any terms require clarification, please include them here.



**12. Background/Objectives/Criteria for considering studies for this review/Search methods for identification of studies/Data collection and analysis:** Please note that these sections were published in the Cochrane protocol (available in the [Cochrane Library](#)) and have therefore been peer reviewed. If you would like to provide any comments, please do so here and the editors will consider them. Major suggestions for change are more likely to be considered for future updates of the Cochrane review than this version.

**13. Results:** Can you understand the format of the results? Is it clear whether the intervention was effective or not?

**14. Quality of the evidence and risk of bias:** Do the results include information about the overall quality of the evidence, and risk of bias?

**15. Study funding:** Does the section 'Included studies' and the 'Characteristics of included studies' table include details about the funding sources for the studies?

**16. Discussion:** Do the authors discuss harms as well as benefits? Are the effects of the treatments over- or understated?

**17. Author's conclusions, implications for practice:** Is this section clear and reasonably easy to understand?

**18. Author's conclusions, implications for research:** Do you think the authors have identified the important areas for future research? Are there any missing? Are there any benefits or harms important for healthcare users that are not addressed in the studies that you would like to see highlighted here?

**19. Declarations of interest:** Does the Cochrane review acknowledge possible interests of the authors (e.g. personal or financial) that could have influenced them? If you don't have any comments on declarations of interest, please leave blank.

**20. Summary of findings table:** Do you think the outcomes included in the Summary of findings table are the most important outcomes to people with experience of the health condition? If not, please list them here.

**21. Language and style of writing:** Is the Cochrane review reasonably easy to understand? Is the technical language used appropriately, and where possible, explained? If not, which sections need to be clearer and can you suggest any improvements? Is any language insensitive to consumers? Please suggest alternative phrases if possible.

**22. Words requiring further definition:** Please list below any words that you think need further definition.

**23. Additional comments:** Please add any other comments that you may have:

## 12. Review: Intervention (Methodologist)

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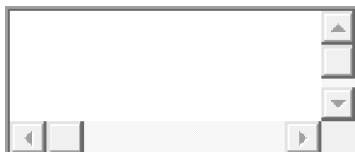
	Yes	No	Partial	N/A	Text box
<b>IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTOCOL METHODS</b>					
Appropriate eligibility decisions <i>Check protocol comparison generated from Archie and Differences between protocol &amp; review for any changes to design of review (eligibility criteria, outcomes);</i> <i>Check for exclusions based on reporting of data</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Appropriate risk of bias assessment <i>Check for omission of standard domains;</i> <i>inclusion of any non-standard domains is explained &amp; justified;</i> <i>domains appear well understood (fit between explanation and domain, appropriate judgments)</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Analyses match with methods section	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

MDs/SMDs; fixed/random effects, subgroup analysis. Check protocol comparison and Differences between protocol & review to see what plans changed from protocol.					
Data from non-standard designs (cluster, cross-over, etc.) appropriately incorporated where relevant  <i>Check 'Unit of analysis issues' in methods/footnotes in forest plots/sensitivity analyses. Scan study characteristics to confirm unit of allocation &amp; sample sizes if in doubt.</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Multiple measurements from studies with more than one eligible comparator handled appropriately  <i>Check for double counting of studies in Forest plot &amp; adjustment of events/sample size in control groups</i>					
Outlying results acknowledged & explored appropriately  <i>Consider how plausible the direction/size of effects are overall, explore data from studies with unusually large or discordant effects</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Data entry looks OK, after assessing the following for possible data entry errors:  <i>Comparability of SDs for studies using same scale</i>  <i>Weights of individual studies look relative to sample size (high/low SDs or counts)</i>  <i>Similarity of sample sizes across different outcomes for same study</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
<b>SUMMARY OF FINDINGS TABLE</b>					
SoF table presents main outcomes (benefits & harms) for main comparison  <i>Look at methods section for consistency of SoF table outcomes; Assess methods for using GRADE</i>					
PICO (including Settings) are accurate & informative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Outcomes fully defined (i.e. time of measurement, scale of measurement, range of scores specified)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Assumed & Corresponding risks included (where appropriate)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
GRADE ratings justified & adequately explained					

Clear & accurate summary of narrative results (where appropriate)					
Quality ratings presented for narrative results (where appropriate)					
<b>ABSTRACT</b>					
Title reflects review question					
Research question (PICO) clear & rationale for review described					
Search date <12 months from publication					
Characteristics of included studies summarised <i>Consider copying &amp; summarising information presented under 'Description of included studies'/Overall completeness &amp; applicability'. Look for details in SoF table relating to settings &amp; participants.</i>					
Findings for all important outcomes reported for main comparison(s), including information about harms <i>Check consistency with first SoF table &amp; others as appropriate</i>					
Direction, magnitude & confidence intervals of effects clearly described where appropriate <i>Check units for continuous outcome data</i>					
Reporting results avoids emphasizing statistical significance to determine presence or absence of an effect					
GRADE ratings for outcomes reported in abstract					
Absolute effects used to illustrate the relative effects where appropriate					
Conclusions accurately reflect evidence presented in SoF table(s) & avoid recommendations					
Key findings consistent across the summary versions of the review					

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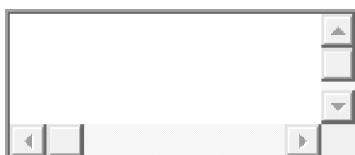
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	Yes	No	N/A
Is the review clear and well written?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Is the review adequately referenced (e.g. statements supported by appropriate references)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does the Abstract clearly and accurately describe the content of the article?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does the Plain Language Summary (PLS) clearly and accurately describe the content of the article, in plain language?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Are the conclusions supported by the evidence?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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## 14. Review: Non-Intervention (Consumer)

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In your peer review, we ask you to concentrate on the relevance of the Cochrane review to people affected by the condition. Please note the methods and analyses will be assessed by our editors and other peer reviewers before publication. We have included questions to consider when providing your feedback; however, please feel free to comment on any aspect of the Cochrane review in the additional comments box. Please note that the review will be copy-edited before publication, and you do not need to highlight typographical errors.

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<p><b>10. Terminology in the Plain language summary:</b> Are abbreviations, research terms and technical terms avoided or explained? If any terms require clarification, please include them here.</p>
<p><b>11. Results:</b> Can you understand the format of the results? Are the results clear?</p>



<p><b>12. Quality of the evidence and risk of bias:</b> Do the results include information about the overall quality of the evidence, and risk of bias?</p>
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<p><b>20. Additional comments:</b> Please add any other comments that you may have:</p>

## 15. Review: Overview (Methods)

Thank you for agreeing to comment on this Cochrane overview. Cochrane overviews of reviews are intended primarily to summarize multiple systematic reviews addressing the effects of two or more potential interventions for a single condition or health problem. You can read more about overviews in [Chapter 22](#) of the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions*. A protocol for this overview, describing the rationale for the overview, the objectives, and the methods, has already been peer reviewed and published on [The Cochrane Library](#) in advance of conducting the full review.

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	Yes	No	N/A
Is there an adequate description of the included reviews (and studies, if applicable)?			
Have the included reviews and included data been analysed and interpreted appropriately?			
Are the included reviews free of concerns about methodological quality?			
Is there an appropriate analysis of the quality of evidence in the included reviews?			
If there are particular methodological issues in the topic area (e.g. particular measures of effect size; studies/reviews with non-standard designs) have methods in the overview been used appropriately to manage the issue?			
Does the discussion provide an appropriate summary and interpretation of the results?			
Are the findings set in the appropriate clinical or policy context?			
Does the discussion provide adequate detail about the completeness and applicability of evidence, with specific reference to the quality of the evidence and any potential bias in the included reviews?			
Have the authors used the AMSTAR tool? AMSTAR ( <a href="http://amstar.ca/Amstar_Checklist.php">http://amstar.ca/Amstar_Checklist.php</a> ) is a measurement tool for the assessment of multiple systematic reviews (Shea et al. <u><a href="#">Development of AMSTAR: a measurement tool to assess the methodological quality of systematic reviews</a></u> <i>BMC Med Res Methodol</i> 2007;7:10).			
Are the Authors' conclusions, Implications for practice, consistent with and supported by the results?			
Are the Authors' conclusions, Implications for research reasonable? Are they specific enough to be helpful in the design, prioritisation, or commissioning of research?			

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\*COMMENTS TO THE AUTHOR (Please **NUMBER** your comments to authors)

Please provide your detailed comments to authors here. In particular, if you have answered 'No' to any of the questions in the questionnaire above, please elaborate in your comments.

\*RECOMMENDATION

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## 16. Update: Information Specialist

For more information on this form and peer review of searches in Cochrane, please see [Search peer review](#).

MECIR ELEMENTS

*This part of the form is structured around the search-related mandatory requirements for Cochrane intervention reviews as detailed in the MECIR standards for reporting updates. The complete MECIR manual can be found here: <https://community.cochrane.org/mecir-manual>*

### \*1. Search for studies

**UR3 Describe which sources of information were searched for the update, and how. If any of the sources originally searched were not searched for the update, this should be explained and justified.**

*See also [related conduct standards U6 - Searching](#), related standards for planning the update [U4 - Planning the search](#)*

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

*If "B" or "C," please provide an explanation or example:*

N/A – Search methods still need to be added to the update manuscript

PRESS ELEMENTS

*This part of the form presents the [PRESS](#) elements (adapted by the Cochrane Information Specialist Support Team) for assessing the main database search strategy provided in the protocol. Where appropriate, each item also details the relevant MECIR conduct standard.*

**\*2. TRANSLATION/STRUCTURE OF SEARCH**

**C32 Inform the structure of search strategies in bibliographic databases around the main concepts of the review, using appropriate elements from PICO and study design. In structuring the search, maximize sensitivity whilst striving for reasonable precision.**

See full MECIR item [here](#)

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

If “B” or “C,” please provide an explanation or example:

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**\*3. BOOLEAN AND PROXIMITY OPERATORS**

**C32 ...ensure correct use of the AND and OR operators.** See full MECIR item [here](#)

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C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**\*4. SUBJECT HEADINGS**

**C33 Identify appropriate controlled vocabulary (e.g. MeSH, Emtree, including 'exploded' terms).** See full MECIR item [here](#)

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**\*5. TEXT WORD SEARCHING**

**C33 ... and identify free-text terms (considering, for example, spelling variants, synonyms, acronyms, truncation and proximity operators).** See full MECIR item [here](#)

A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**\*6. SPELLING, SYNTAX, AND LINE NUMBERS**

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**\*7. LIMITS AND FILTERS**

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<b>C19 ... ensuring that relevant time periods ... and not restricted by language or publication status.</b>	
<b>C34 Use specially designed and tested search filters where appropriate including the Cochrane Highly Sensitive Search Strategies for identifying randomized trials in MEDLINE, but do not use filters in pre-filtered databases e.g. do not use a randomized trial filter in CENTRAL or a systematic review filter in DARE. See full MECIR items <a href="#">here</a></b>	
A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

If “B” or “C,” please provide an explanation or example:

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<b>*OVERALL EVALUATION FOR THE SEARCH METHODS SECTION and the PRIMARY DATABASE SEARCH STRATEGY (Note: If one or more “revision required” is noted above, the response below must be “revisions required”).</b>	
A. No revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Revision(s) suggested	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Revision(s) required	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Additional comments:**

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## 17. Update: Intervention review (Clinical)

Thank you for agreeing to comment on this update of a Cochrane review. Cochrane reviews are systematic reviews of primary research in human health care and health policy and are internationally recognised as the highest standard in evidence-based health care. A protocol for this systematic review (describing the rationale for the review, the objectives, and the methods), and an earlier version of this review, have already been peer reviewed and published on [The Cochrane Library](#). Standard Cochrane methods are described in the [Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions](#).

This short peer-review form includes the key questions we would like you to consider in your peer review of this review update; however, if you would more detailed prompts to help guide your peer review, please see a more detailed version of our peer-review form for reviews available here: [https://documentation.cochrane.org/download/attachments/117380360/Peer-review-checklist\\_intervention-review\\_v3.docx?version=1&modificationDate=1563292295472&api=v2](https://documentation.cochrane.org/download/attachments/117380360/Peer-review-checklist_intervention-review_v3.docx?version=1&modificationDate=1563292295472&api=v2)

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	Yes	No	N/A
Is the review clear and well written?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is the review adequately referenced (e.g. statements supported by appropriate references)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does the Abstract clearly and accurately describe the content of the article?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does the Plain Language Summary (PLS) clearly and accurately describe the content of the article, in plain language?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you think the data have been analysed appropriately?			
Are the results clearly described?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are the display items (figures and tables) suitable, clear and consistent with the text?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does the discussion appropriately contextualise and interpret the findings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does the discussion provide adequate detail about the completeness and applicability of evidence, with consideration of issues of quality, bias, and health equity?			
Are the conclusions supported by the evidence?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do the conclusions address the main question posed?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is the text clear about how this updated review has changed since the earlier version(s)?			
Do you think this review would help consumers, policy makers and healthcare providers make a healthcare decision?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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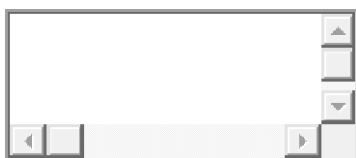
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Please provide your detailed comments to authors here. In particular, if you have answered 'No' to any of the questions in the questionnaire above, please elaborate in your comments.



### \*RECOMMENDATION

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## 18. Update: Intervention review (Consumer)

Thank you for agreeing to comment on this update of a Cochrane review. Cochrane reviews summarise the evidence about interventions (such as drugs, behaviour programmes, or devices) for a healthcare need. Cochrane reviews are intended to be used by people making a decision about health care, including consumers of health care, policy makers, and clinicians. Some of the language in Cochrane reviews is technical, but the Plain language summary should be straightforward to read, and is intended to be used by consumers to help them make decisions about health care. A protocol for this systematic review, describing the rationale for the review, the objectives, and the methods, and an earlier version of this review, has already been peer reviewed and published on [The Cochrane Library](#) in advance of conducting the full review.

Consumer involvement is vital to Cochrane's work. As a person with experience of the condition in this review, either directly or as carer or relation, your perspective is invaluable in helping to make the review relevant to people making decisions about their health.

In your peer review of this update, we ask you to concentrate on the relevance of the Cochrane review to people affected by the condition. Please note the methods and analyses will be assessed by our editors and other peer reviewers before publication. We have included questions to consider when providing your feedback; however, please feel free to comment on any aspect of the Cochrane review in the additional comments box. Please note that the review will be copy-edited before publication, and you do not need to highlight typographical errors.

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Most sections of the peer-review form are not mandatory to complete; however, mandatory questions are marked with a \* symbol. The most important sections for you to comment on are marked with a ^ symbol. Please note that the Plain language summary in particular is directed at consumers of healthcare treatments or services and is freely available to anyone worldwide. We are therefore most interested in your thoughts on this section. **Please write in full sentences in the boxes provided (i.e. please don't write just "yes" or "no").**



QUESTIONNAIRE (visible to authors and editors)

**1. Title:** Please note that the title has already been peer reviewed and agreed to in the published Cochrane protocol (available on the [Cochrane Library](#)). We therefore we do not expect you to comment on the title. If you can suggest an improvement, however, please do so here and the editors will consider it.

**2. Abstract:** Is there anything mentioned in the Cochrane review that may be important, but is missing from the Abstract? Do you think that the Abstract overstates or understates what was found in the Cochrane review?

**^ 3. Plain language summary title:** Does the Plain language summary title reflect the title of the Cochrane review, and is it easy to understand? If not, can you identify which words or phrases are difficult to understand, or could you suggest any improvements to the wording?

**^ 4. Plain language summary population:** Is the health problem or issue being addressed stated clearly?

**^ 5. Plain language summary interventions:** Are the interventions and comparisons/controls examined in the Cochrane review stated clearly and succinctly in this section?

**^ 6. Plain language summary findings:** Does the Plain language summary report the main findings from the Cochrane review clearly and accurately? Does it report on adverse effects or harms?

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**^ 8. Plain language summary consistency:** Do you think the findings in the PLS are consistent with the Abstract and the rest of the Cochrane review? Is there anything mentioned in the review that may be important, but is missing from the PLS? Do you think that the PLS overstates or understates what was found in the review?

**9. Plain language summary usefulness:** Do you think the Plain language summary would help patients, carers and the public in making a healthcare decision? If not, is there anything missing from the Plain language summary that you think should be included? Do you have any other suggestions for improvement?

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**11. Terminology in the Plain language summary:** Are abbreviations, research terms and technical terms avoided or explained? If any terms require clarification, please include them here.

**12. Background/Objectives/Criteria for considering studies for this review/Search methods for identification of studies/Data collection and analysis:** Please note that these sections were published in the Cochrane protocol (available in the [Cochrane Library](#)) and have therefore been peer reviewed. If you would like to provide any comments, please do so here and the editors will consider them. Major suggestions for change are more likely to be considered for future updates of the Cochrane review than this version.

**13. Results:** Can you understand the format of the results? Is it clear whether the intervention was effective or not?

**14. Quality of the evidence and risk of bias:** Do the results include information about the overall quality of the evidence, and risk of bias?

**15. Study funding:** Does the section 'Included studies' and the 'Characteristics of included studies' table include details about the funding sources for the studies?

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**17. Author's conclusions, implications for practice:** Is this section clear and reasonably easy to understand?

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<b>20. Summary of findings table:</b> Do you think the outcomes included in the Summary of findings table are the most important outcomes to people with experience of the health condition? If not, please list them here.
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