

Consumer peer review checklist: intervention review

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# Abstract

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| 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? |

# Plain language summary (PLS)

**Content of the PLS**

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| Does the title of the PLS 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? |
| Is the health problem or issue being addressed stated clearly? |
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| Are abbreviations, research terms and technical terms avoided or explained? |

# Background/Objectives/Criteria for considering studies for this review/Search methods for identification of studies/Data collection and analysis

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# Results

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| Can you understand the format of the results? Is it clear whether the intervention was effective or not? |
| Do the results include information about the overall quality of the evidence, and risk of bias? |
| Does the section ‘Included studies’ and the ‘Characteristics of included studies’ table include details about the funding sources for the studies? |

# Discussion

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| Can you identify any words or phrases that are difficult to understand and can you suggest any improvements? Do the authors discuss harms as well as benefits? Are the effects of the treatments over- or understated? |

# Author’s conclusions

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| **Implications for practice:** Is this section clear and reasonably easy to understand? |
| **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? |

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# Summary of Findings table

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