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# Cochrane intervention review: peer referee checklist

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| Review title |  |

Thank you for agreeing to comment on this Cochrane Review. [Cochrane Intervention Reviews](http://www.cochrane.org/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.

This checklist provides guidance on the areas we would like you to comment on, but feel free to comment on any aspect of the manuscript. In particular we are interested in your comments on the clinical context of the Cochrane Review. Standard Cochrane methods are described in the *Cochrane Handbook* ([handbook.cochrane.org](http://handbook.cochrane.org/)), and the methods used in this review have been/will be assessed by an editor. Note that the review will be copy-edited before publication.

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Abstract and plain language summary

* Do the abstract and the plain language summary accurately reflect the findings and conclusions of the Cochrane Review?

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Background, objectives, and methods

These sections have been previously published in the protocol of this review (available on [www.cochranelibrary.com](http://www.cochranelibrary.com/)) However, if you would like to comment on these sections or on any divergence from the protocol, do so here.

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Results

* Is there an adequate description of the included studies? Do you get a clear idea not only of what the intervention is, but where it was delivered, when, and by whom?
* Do you have any concerns about how the data has been described or analysed?
* Is there an appropriate analysis of the possible risks of bias in the included studies?

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Discussion

* Does the discussion provide an appropriate summary of the results? Do you have any concerns about the authors' 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?
* Does the discussion state how the findings of this review compare with other published evidence?

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Conclusions

* **Implications for practice:** Are consistent with, and supported, by the results? Can you think of any others?
* **Implications for research:** are they reasonable? Are they specific enough to be helpful in the design, prioritisation, or commissioning of research? Can you think of any others?

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Summary of Findings table

(see *Cochrane Handbook* [Chapter 6](http://handbook.cochrane.org/index.htm#chapter_6/6_searching_for_studies.htm))

* Does the Summary of Findings table provide a helpful and consistent reflection of the review and make the key issues clear?
* Did the Summary of Findings table help you to understand the review?

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General comments

* Does the Cochrane Review read well and make sense overall?
* Did you get a clear idea of what the review actually shows regarding intervention effectiveness and any harms?

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| **Comments:** |

Potential conflicts of interest: peer referee statement

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| **Do you have any potential conflict of interest?** | **Yes (add details below)** | **No** |
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Anonymity and acknowledgement

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|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| I am willing to be identified as the author of this peer referee feedback |  |  |
| I am willing to be acknowledged in the published Cochrane Protocol |  |  |
| I am willing to be acknowledged on the [Cochrane Group] website |  |  |