Support available for Cochrane Reviews using RoB 2

Key resources

methods.cochrane.org/risk-bias-2

RoB 2 Starter Pack
- Online training
- Tips and timesavers
- Tools for using RoB 2
- Example reviews
- Protocol checklist
- Review checklist

FAQs

Introductory leaflet
With pre-recorded videos

*MSU Web Clinic webform: methods.cochrane.org/methods-support-unit-web-clinic

Protocol development

Authors
- Propose review using RoB 2 (added to review proposal form)
  - CRG agrees with the use of RoB 2 and preparation of the review in RevMan Web
    - No
    - Yes
      - Share RoB 2 resources with authors
        - Use RoB 2 checklist to assess RoB 2 methods during usual QA
          - Incorporate RoB 2 considerations and submit protocol
            - Change to RoB 1 (CRG discretion)
              - Use RoB 1

  - Use RoB 2 checklist to assess RoB 2 methods during usual QA
  - Incorporate RoB 2 considerations and submit protocol
  - Sign off
  - Publish

CRG
- CRG agrees with the use of RoB 2 and preparation of the review in RevMan Web
- RoB 2 resources sent and explained by MSU for first review going through CRG
- RoB 2 checks completed by MSU for first review going through CRG
- Available for advice via email thereafter

MSU
- Authors submit draft review for editorial checks
  - Collate and send feedback to authors with CRG/peer review comments
    - Available for advice via email thereafter
    - Sign off
  - Publish

Review development

Authors
- Authors conduct RoB 2 assessments
  - Submit RoB 2 issues and queries via the webform* for discussion with MSU
    - CRG checks the RoB 2 ‘support for judgements’ are included
      - Submit issues and queries via the webform* for discussion
  - Authors submit RoB 2 assessments before write-up for checks
  - CRG checks the RoB 2 ‘support for judgements’ are included
  - MSU available for RoB 2 ‘support for judgement’ checks
  - Revisions required

CRG
- CRG checks the RoB 2 ‘support for judgements’ are included
- Authors submit RoB 2 assessments before write-up for checks
- Collate and send feedback to authors with CRG/peer review comments
- Available for advice via email thereafter

MSU
- Monthly Web Clinics hosted by MSU
- RoB 2 checks completed by MSU for first review going through CRG
- Available for advice via email thereafter

When ready, email support@cochrane.org to ask for RoB 2 functionality to be switched on in RevMan Web

Note, Covidence references can only be imported into RevMan 5 so must be imported before the switch