

What's New

Corrections and Changes in Version 1.0.1 March 4th 2009 of the Cochrane handbook for systematic reviews of diagnostic test accuracy.

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- 1) Section 4.3 The heading in the Abstract has been changed from 'Search strategy' to 'Search methods' so that the text is consistent with that used in RevMan5 Software.
- 2) Table Table 4.6.b: Guide to the contents of the Assessment of methodological quality table has been updated so that the text is consistent with that used in RevMan5 Software.

The statement 'Reference standard results blinded?' Is now defined as 'Were the reference standard results interpreted without knowledge of the results of the index test?'

And the statement 'Index test results blinded?' Is now defined as 'Were the index test results interpreted without knowledge of the results of the reference standard?'

In earlier versions of this chapter the definitions for these items were transposed.

Corrections and Changes in Version 1.0.0 February 2008 of the Cochrane handbook for systematic reviews of diagnostic test accuracy.

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- 1) Minor corrections have been made to the whole of Chapter 4 including changes to headings and subheadings, style guide items, and numbering of sections.
- 2) Section 4.2.4 has been updated with text from Chapter 11 of the Cochrane systematic reviews of interventions handbook V5 to reflect the Cochrane Collaboration's policy on dates in Cochrane systematic reviews.
- 3) Section 4.3 has been edited to reflect the Cochrane Collaboration's policy on having at least two authors for each Cochrane systematic review.
- 4) Section 4.4. The holding text has been edited to indicate that this section will be updated following a decision from discussions of the Cochrane steering group on plain language summaries for Cochrane systematic reviews of diagnostic test accuracy.
- 5) The heading 4.5 Main text of the review was changed to 4.5 Main text
- 6) Two subheadings Included studies (fixed level 3) and excluded studies (fixed, level 3) were removed from section 4.5 Main text / Results/ Results of the search/ because these subheadings are not present in RevMan5. The text of this section has been updated to remove repeated information.
- 7) A new section has been inserted. Section 4.6.2 Assessment of methodological quality. This section describes how to complete this part of the Characteristics of included studies table.
- 8) The Chapter 4 byline and section 4.13 Contributions to this chapter have been edited to reflect the new citations recommended for the Cochrane handbook for systematic reviews of interventions V5.
- 9) In Chapter 4 descriptions of types of diagnostic test study were standardised to exclude the word 'cohort'.