

recommendations.³ Contrary to Cochrane, whose reviews stop with the evidence statements, our method creates an important tension in the working groups responsible for both the systematic reviews and guidelines. It is one thing to write conclusions about trials that are at high risk of bias, it is another thing to have to use these conclusions to construct clear recommendations for daily clinical practice.

Of course, like other fields, ours is hampered by poorly executed trials; most are underpowered, few clearly define usual care, and most fail to define key outcomes.⁴ To reduce the risk of drawing false-positive conclusions, we have developed (and now use) a set of reporting standards for controlled studies.⁴ This separates good and bad studies in a transparent method. We think one clear way forward for systematic reviews to remain meaningful is to ensure that they avoid incorporating conclusions from low-quality trials. When authors combine systematic reviews with writing guideline recommendations, they are much more attuned of the potentially dire consequences for patients when their conclusions are wrong.

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