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Editorial Board

To the editor,

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication. We report results of an update of our Cochrane systematic review on Midazolam for Sedation before Procedures, which was published in 2016. Since this time, new relevant evidence has become available that we consider is important to highlight. Also, the citation metrics for the original review (63 citations in Google Scholar since 2016, including 14 citations in 2020) indicate research interest in using midazolam for sedation before procedures persists, so it is important that new findings are incorporated into our review and disseminated.

Please note that, in accordance with the journal's instructions regarding article formatting for 'Systematic Review Updates', we have attempted to be 'innovative' in our reporting. The article is restricted to highlighting the minor differences in methods which were applied between the previous version and this update, as well as describing the results and conclusions that have changed from the original version. We provide full descriptions of the complete methods and results (not just those comparisons with new evidence) in the Additional Files.

Also, as an Associate Editor for *Systematic Reviews*, I am all too aware that it can sometimes be challenging to find reviewers for manuscripts. As such, I have provided below a list of reviewers with content and methods expertise that is relevant to our review. Please don't hesitate to reach out for more reviewer recommendations if required.

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