**Supporting File 1: Data guide and meta-data.**

*Study:*

*Enough evidence and other endings: a descriptive study of stable Cochrane systematic reviews in 2019.*

Data, analytic code, and other materials for this project are at:

<https://github.com/hildabast/enough-evidence>

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**Table 1. Data files for analyses and their characteristics.**

| **File No.** | **File name** | **Format** | **Size** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 3 | S3\_File | csv | 98b | Number non-withdrawn Cochrane reviews, broken down into stable and normal reviews, in February 2013 and August 2019. |
| 4 | S4\_File | csv | 11kb | Data collected on status of reviews declared stable in February 2013 and August 2019, and their status in August 2019. |
| 5 | S5\_File | csv | 64kb | Cochrane reviews and classifications for reasons designated stable, together with the CRG responsible for the review in 2019. |
| 6 | S6\_File | csv | 1kb | All CRGs in 2019. |
| 7 | S7\_File | csv | 3kb | Data collected on status of reviews formerly declared stable in February 2013 with changed status in August 2019. |
| 8 | S8\_File | csv | 8kb | Data on reviews with firm conclusions in 2019. |
| 9 | S9\_File | csv | 5kb | Search results and protocol screening for analytic methods phrases in *CDSR* in September 2019. |

**Table 2. Data descriptions, alphabetically by data descriptor used in data files.**

| **Data descriptor** | **Options** | **Explanation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| all\_non-withdrawn\_reviews | Number | Normal plus stable Cochrane reviews |
| analytic\_method | Yes | Protocol proposes use of analytic method to determine when there is enough evidence |
|  | No | No analytic method to determine when there is enough evidence reported |
| assessed | Dual | Assessed by both authors independently |
|  | Single | Assessed by one author only |
|  | Cochrane | Based on the CRG classification |
| cd\_id | Cochrane review ID number | CD followed by 6 digits  Example: CD999999  (Individual reviews can be found by using this ID in the DOI field of advanced search in the CDSR/Cochrane Library). |
| concluded\_effect | Benefit | Concluded one or more benefits from the intervention(s) |
|  | No evidence of benefit | Concluded there was no evidence of benefit from the intervention(s) |
|  | No evidence of superiority | Concluded there was no evidence the intervention(s) is/are superior to one or more alternatives |
|  | No evidence of benefit, adverse effects | Concluded that there was no evidence of benefit from the intervention(s), but there was evidence of adverse effects |
|  | Some evidence of benefit, adverse effects | Concluded some evidence of benefit from the intervention(s), but there was evidence of adverse effects |
| crg | Name | Cochrane review group |
| events\_category | Unrenewed | Editorial action or update with no new included studies, stable status not renewed |
|  | Same conclusion | New included studies without change of conclusion |
|  | Changed conclusions | Changed conclusions because of new included studies |
|  | Criticism | Change of status in response to criticism |
|  | Stable | Continuing stable status |
|  | Withdrawal | Notice of withdrawal of review |
| events\_summary | Text | Short summary of events since 2013 in “What’s New” table |
| evidence\_rating | Text description | If yes, the text used to describe the evidence |
|  | No | No overall rating of the evidence reported |
| if\_no\_best\_evidence | Test description | If no, the best evidence rating reported for any included study |
|  | [blank] | Not applicable |
| if\_no\_other\_Qs | Yes | Further research is needed for questions other than those for which there was a firm conclusion |
|  | No | No further research is needed for the intervention(s) |
|  | [blank] | Not applicable |
| if\_yes\_type | Sample size calculation for larger trials | Analytic method used was a sample size calculation for larger trials |
|  | Cumulative meta-analysis | Analytic method used was cumulative meta-analysis |
|  | [blank] | Not applicable |
| new\_included\_studies | yes | New studies included in the last update |
|  | no | No new studies included in the last update |
| normal\_reviews | Number | Cochrane reviews that are neither stable nor withdrawn |
| other\_status\_2019 | Withdrawn | Cochrane review withdrawn (retracted) |
|  | Normal | No longer declared stable and not withdrawn |
|  | Unchanged | Online status reported in *CDSR* unchanged, although no longer classified as stable in Archie |
|  | Nil | No other status recorded |
| reason | A | Intervention not in general use, superseded, or withdrawn from market |
|  | B | Little or no further evidence expected |
|  | C | Firm conclusions; new studies would be unlikely to change conclusions |
|  | D | Update required but in more than 2 years |
|  | E | Monitoring new trials or periodic searches, to be updated only if new eligible study identified or standards change |
|  | F | Review has been or will be superseded by another review |
|  | G | Abandoned; low priority and/or authors unavailable for updating |
|  | H | Individual patient data (IPD) review |
|  | U | Unknown, no reason reported |
| research\_needed | Yes | Further research is needed for the outcome(s) on which the firm conclusion was made |
|  | No | No further research is needed for the outcome(s) on which the firm conclusion was made |
| sof | Yes | The review includes a GRADE Summary of Findings table |
|  | No | The review has no GRADE Summary of Findings table |
| stable\_2013 | y/n | Declared stable as of February 2013, yes or no |
| stable\_2019 | y/n | Declared stable as of August 2019, yes or no |
| stable\_reviews | Number | Cochrane reviews declared stable |
| status\_2019 | Normal | Review is neither stable nor withdrawn |
|  | Stable | Review is stable in Archie |
|  | Withdrawn | Review is withdrawn |
| title | Review title | Full title of the review |
| type | TSA | Trial sequential analysis |
|  | OIS - GRADE | Optimal information size as part of GRADE assessment |
|  | RIS | Required information size |
| year | 2013 | February 2013 |
|  | 2019 | 20 August 2019 |
| year\_stable | Year | Year declared stable (collected only for 2013 dataset). |
|  | [blank] | Year not collected. |