



Cochrane **Developmental, Psychosocial and Learning Problems**

Summary of findings

You must include a section on 'Summary of findings' in your protocol. It is common for this section to appear in the Methods, beneath the section on 'Data synthesis. In this section, you should:

1. State that you will create a 'Summary of findings' table per comparison;
2. Describe the software you will use to create the table
3. State the comparison that will be used;
4. List the outcomes that you will include in the table (note, the table should include up to seven clinically important outcomes consistent with the objective and PICO, and balanced in showing harm and benefit).
5. Describe how you will assess the quality of the evidence (i.e. using the GRADE approach).
6. List the 5 GRADE considerations and, if you wish, include a descriptor for each one.
7. State which authors will be involved in assessing the quality of the evidence (note, the quality assessment should be completed by two, unbiased (i.e. independent) review authors).

When you come to produce the table for the review, you should ensure that it includes information on: the comparison, PICO and setting, length of follow-up and outcome measurement. You should also explain your reason for downgrading the quality of the evidence in the footnotes.