



Recruitment: Open trials (ID Rec1)

Resource pack contents

This resource pack contains two folders:

1. 'Using an open trial'
2. 'Evaluating an open trial'

Folder 1 contents

Doc 1- Justification for the Rec1 recommendation.pdf	A short summary of the reasons behind the recommendation given in our 'What you need to know' evidence summary.
https://www.bmj.com/content/321/7259/504.long	A short and clear summary of blinding from 2000 by Simon Day and Doug G Altman. Copyright means that we can't put the article in the pack.
Doc 2- Effect of blinding on treatment effects 2020.pdf	Article presenting data that suggest that there was little or no difference in estimated treatment effect between trials with and without blinded patients, healthcare providers, or outcome assessors
Doc 3- Cochrane risk of bias paper 2011.pdf	Paper describing the 2011 Cochrane Risk of Bias tool. We provide this paper because we think it is easier to grasp and use than the 2019 Risk of Bias tool (https://www.bmj.com/content/366/bmj.l4898). Systematic reviewers may wish to use the later tool.
Doc 4- The Cochrane Risk of bias assessment tool 2011.pdf	A summary version of the 2011 Cochrane Risk of Bias tool.
Doc 5- Real world evidence 2018.pdf	A short article discussing why blinding can be problematic in trials that aim to take a highly pragmatic approach to trial design.

Folder 2 contents

Doc 1- Where evaluation is needed.pdf	This outlines the types of trial where evaluation would be most beneficial.
Doc 2- Trial Forge Guidance 1- What is a SWAT.pdf	This document provides pointers for how to design and run a Study Within A Trial (SWAT), the sort of study that what be needed for further evaluations of open compared to blinded trials for recruitment.
Doc 3- Open trials (recruitment).cma	Data file containing the cumulative meta-analysis data for the trials on the Evidence summary sheet. Format is Comprehensive Meta-Analysis v3 (https://www.meta-analysis.com)
Doc 4-Open trials (recruitment).rm5	As above but for RevMan v5.3 (https://community.cochrane.org/help/tools-and-software/revman-5/revman-5-download)