

Checklist for ensuring abstracts, PLS and 'Summary of Findings' tables are consistent and meet Cochrane Handbook guidance

Criteria	Yes/No
In the background section, does the abstract explain the context or elaborate on the purpose and rationale of the review?	
In the objectives section, does the abstract include the following information: intervention or comparison, type of people, disease or problem, and setting (if specified)?	
In the search methods section, does the abstract list the sources and the dates of the last search for each source?	
In the selection criteria section, does the abstract include the following: type of study, intervention or comparison, and type of people, disease or problem?	
In the data collection and analysis section, does the abstract include details of how many people extracted data?	
In the main results section, does the abstract list the total number of studies included in the review?	
In the main results section, does the abstract list the total number of participants included in the review?	
In the main results section, does the abstract include brief details of the comparability of the studies, if applicable?	
In the main results section, does the abstract include brief details of the risk of bias of the studies, if applicable?	
In the main results section, does the abstract include the results of the primary outcome(s) and no more than five other results?	
In the main results section, does the abstract include whether or not adverse effects were identified, and if so, the findings?	

In the main results section, is there an explanation of the size and direction of effect to accompany the numerical results?	
In the main results section, are the summary statistics presented in a standard way, such as 'odds ratio 2.31 (95% confidence interval 1.13 to 3.45)'?	
In the main results section, are risks of events (percentage) or averages (for continuous data) reported for both comparison groups?	
Is information in the main results and conclusions sections of the abstract consistent with each other?	
Does the abstract avoid making recommendations?	
Is there a 'Summary of findings' table(s)?	
IF YES, Is the 'Summary of findings' table(s) in the appropriate format?	
Is the PLS title a clear re-statement of the title and not a conclusion?	
Are the findings reported in the PLS consistent with those of the abstract, the 'Summary of Findings' table and the main text conclusions?	