



## Cochrane Methods Adverse Effects

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**Highlight:**  
**Published a framework to recognize, rectify, or prevent  
‘spin’ in systematic reviews of harms.**



### Research and development

- Members of the group have contributed to published work on the association between trial registration and harms, with the findings that:
  - Prospective registration was associated with lower risk of bias
  - Harms may be understated in trials that were not prospectively registered



### Best practice and guidance

- CONSORT 2025 and SPIRIT 2025 were published, with incorporation of essential harms items as part of the main guidance documents, rather than as extensions.



### Methods implementation

- Supported the peer review of Cochrane Reviews and commented on the evaluation of adverse effects.
- Advised authors on Search Strategies and Study Designs relevant to adverse effects.