

**Table 1. Characteristics of 22 CVEG co-publications**

<b>Characteristics of co-publications</b>	<b>N (%)</b>
<b>General classification (n=22)</b>	
Identical	3 (13.6%)
Similar but not identical	14 (63.6%)
Abridged	3 (13.6%)
Other*	2 (9.1%)
<b>Journals in which published (n=22)</b>	
Ophthalmology versus general medical journal (n=22)	
Ophthalmology	12 (54.6%)
General medical	10 (45.4%)
Indexed and/or peer-reviewed journal (n=22)	
Indexed and peer-reviewed	16 (72.7%)
Indexed but not peer-reviewed	2 (9.1%)
Not indexed	4 (18.2%)
<b>Authorship (n=22)</b>	
Identical (same authors and order)	11 (50.0%)
Same authors, different order	3 (13.6%)
One author added or removed	8 (36.4%)
<b>Publication time (n=22)</b>	
Within 2 years after the publication of CEVG review	17 (77.3%)
More than 2 years after the publication of CEVG review	5 (22.7%)
<b>Co-publication based on (n=22)</b>	
Original review	15 (68.2%)
Updated review	7 (31.8%)
<b>Citation of the CEVG review (n=22)</b>	
Cited in the reference list	12 (54.6%)
Not cited but publication information in the text	4 (18.2%)
Not cited, review information not provided	6 (27.3%)
<b>First author from an English speaking country (n=19**)</b>	
Yes	17 (89.5%)
No (one from Austria, one from Bahrain)	2 (10.5%)
<b>Number of included studies (n=19**)</b>	
0	2 (10.5%)
1 – 4	5 (26.3%)
5 – 9	6 (31.6%)
≥ 10	5 (26.3%)
Unclear***	1 (5.3%)

\*Two studies were classified as "Other" because one has no included study and the authors discussed the characteristics of the condition; The other included a subset of the interventions described in the CEVG review.

\*\*To avoid duplication, we excluded the three 'abridged' co-publications because these three also have a corresponding 'full length' co-publication

\*\*\*Wilkinson 1999 did not report number of studies used to generate the clinical recommendations.