

We propose **GRADEpro | GDT** as a transparent tool to select the confounders as the comparator of a prognostic factor review.



Study Aim

To describe the procedure followed to select additional prognostic factors (confounders) in a Cochrane review protocol.

Methods

Step 1

Bibliographic search to identify confounders

Step 2

Compiled draft list of confounders in GRADEpro GDT

Step 3

Feedback by SR team

Step 4

List of confounders for prioritization

Step 5

Scoring of each factor by SR team

Step 6

List of confounders ordered according to the scores

Key Results

Using GRADEpro GDT we obtained a final list of confounders classified into three categories based in the median scores: high priority, low priority and excluded

Strengths

1. Transparent approach
2. Doesn't require in-person meetings
3. Simple process in GRADEPro-GDT

Limitations

1. Criteria to define relevance of confounders relied only on clinical judgement
2. The maximum number of additional confounders is not defined



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