

# **SWAR 03: To investigate whether supplying Cochrane Eyes and Vision review author teams with a protocol template reduces the time to publication of the protocol and time required to support the team by staff at the editorial base.**

## **Objective of this SWAT**

To investigate whether supplying review teams with a protocol template reduces the time to publication of the protocol and time required to support the team by staff at the editorial base.

Study area: Editorial Processes

Sample type: Review Authors

Estimated funding level needed: Unfunded

## **Background**

There is uncertainty within the Cochrane Eyes and Vision group as to the effects of giving authors more prescriptive instructions on how to complete a Cochrane Eyes and Vision review protocol.

## **Interventions and comparators**

Intervention 1: protocol template plus standard procedures currently used

Intervention 2: standard procedures currently used

Index Type: Protocol

## **Method for allocating to intervention or comparator**

Randomisation

## **Outcome measures**

Primary: time to publication of protocol from title registration

Secondary: time editorial base staff spend on the review

qualitative comments on the process by review author teams and editorial staff

## **Analysis plans**

Difference in time to publication of protocols  
Difference in time editorial base staff spend on the protocol  
Description of qualitative comments

## **Possible problems in implementing this SWAT**

It will be difficult to mask this SWAT. To minimise the bias this may introduce, we will inform all review author teams that we are conducting research on our editorial processes but we will not specify in detail the nature of the comparison.

## **References**

## **Publications or presentations of this SWAT design**

## **Examples of the implementation of this SWAT**

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