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Title: The effectiveness of pelvic floor muscle training alone and with other physical therapies for the treatment of stress urinary incontinence in women: a systematic review

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Observational studies provide the opportunity to establish the effectiveness of such interventions in routine clinical practice [18]. This is difficult to achieve in randomized trials [18] other than pragmatic trials [Roland and Torgerson]

Reference added: page 22, line 11

The use of outcome measures which are valid, reliable and sensitive to change is vital when considering the effects of treatment in order to detect valid changes which are greater than measurement error [Streiner, 1995]

Reference added: page 37, line 25

However, the reliability of any method will be dependent on the experience and expertise of the user and the results should be interpreted with this in mind [Rothstein, 1985].

As indicated in our previous letter detailing changes to the test, under Point 14, the title has been modified to read “Pelvic floor muscle training and other physical therapies for the treatment of stress urinary incontinence in women: a systematic review.” The word ‘effectiveness’ has been removed and the words ‘with or without’.

Other minor editing changes have been made to correct labelling, references, reference list, as requested under Minor Essential Revisions.