

Cochrane Learning Live webinar:

Using GRADEpro to perform a GRADE assessment and make a Summary of Findings table

(November 15, 2023) – Questions and answers from the chat

Q1: Is there any way to transfer your data from Revman Web if you can't integrate GradePro?

A1: Currently GRADEpro can import data from RevMan Web (either online or through exported file package, see <https://kb.grade-pro.org/s/butshvh0bbcvjeepiprg/for-cochrane-authors/d/ch9pdsuh13fs73d1g7og/importing-data-from-revman-csv-files>), from old RevMan5 files and from old desktop GRADEpro files. Otherwise the data needs to be entered manually, although it never takes too much time as tables are semi-automatic and make data input easy.

Worth noting the new RevMan export is basically just CSV files so in principle you could produce them from other tools, but you have to be very accurate in following the format. See more at <https://documentation.cochrane.org/revman-kb/data-package-user-guide-243761660.html>

Q2: If we're doing a standard Cochrane review, which format of GRADEpro is best? Version 1? 2? 3? Interactive? Do they all work well with RMW integration?

A2: To my knowledge, currently regardless of the format selected in GRADEpro, RevMan Web presents Summary of Findings format as it is the standard format. The interactive version is exported as a link presented in the footer of the imported table in RevMan Web.

However, from GRADEpro you can export any format of table you wish as a word file, pdf, html or json. Interactive format can also be exported as a link or embeddable code.

Most tables provide generally the same information, just in different formats (although evidence profiles provide more details than summary of findings tables). The choice of which table to use typically is just up to organization preference of what data you want to present.

Q3: Just wondering if the slide of the " risk of bias" you keep refereeing comes from your meta analysis?

A3: They created the RoB traffic light chart directly in RevMan web. If you don't use RevMan web, you'll need to use a separate RoB tool to assess your studies. See <http://riskofbias.info/> for more info.

GRADEpro also offers Risk of Bias tool. The requirement of using it is attaching references to the "No of studies" column in the evidence table. You can see an example here:

https://youtu.be/x5tQ46oej_Y?si=HEyt-6-9ihvbdIFY&t=1164

Q4: Is RevMan available for the all users?

A4: RevMan is freely available for Cochrane Review authors. Others can purchase the licence, see <https://revman.cochrane.org/info/pricing> for more info. Discounts are available for academic institutions and those in Research4Life countries.

Q5: This is a bit of a simple question - if for one outcome there are two different study types (eg. observational and RCT) then do we create separate rows for each study type?

A5: Yes - since observational and randomised studies have a different base GRADE they need to be in separate rows

Further resources

A generic webinar on GRADEpro: https://youtu.be/x5tQ46oeJ_Y?si=2pfE59EAzsqynk1I

Webinar on GRADEpro and RevMan integration (for both for Cochrane authors and for non-Cochrane authors): https://youtu.be/SbTNGbpLz48?si=soWQV0mUL4c_vHxb

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