

# Templates for Systematic Reviews

1. Use the correct template for each study. Different study designs warrant the use of different templates. All templates exist as both Excel files and Google Sheets in the Risk of Bias folder of the SME Manuscripts Team Drive . (If any updates to the Excel file RoB template are made, please update the corresponding Google Sheet RoB template as well, since only the Google Sheet templates live in the Google Sheets Template Gallery, which are used to quickly and easily create new RoB's in project folders by clicking New > Google Sheets > From a template.) It is the responsibility of the QC reviewer to determine which template to use.
2. SIGN Template : Use the SIGN template by default (see below sections for exceptions). SIGN includes templates for various study designs, including:
3. Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses - mNOS Template : This template includes a page for Cohort and for Case Control studies. Use mNOS template by default when the SR/MA is ONLY comprised of case control and/or cohort studies OR if requested by a client OR if requested by a journal/reviewer.
  1. JBI Template : This template includes a page for Case Reports, Case Series, Cohort Studies, Randomized Controlled Trials, and Quasi-experimental studies. Use the JBI template by default when the SR/MA involves any case reports and/or case series OR if requested by a client OR if requested by a journal/reviewer.
  2. Cochrane Templates: The Cochrane Templates have the most difficult instructions and will most likely not be used. The Cochrane Templates are applicable for both randomized studies (see RoB 2 ) and non-randomized studies (see ROBINS-I ). Use the Cochrane template by default ONLY if requested by a client OR if requested by a journal/reviewer.

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