

1. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS

- *David reviewed notes from last Synthesizing working group as well as the shared meeting between the Recommending and Synthesizing working groups*

2. JOINT SYNTHESIZING-RECOMMENDING WORKING GROUP MEETING

- *David highlighted the paper recently published by the core outcomes set, highlighting broad approach that encompasses different settings such as LMIC, HIC, home, hospital and community, life-cycle of the disease, as well as psycho-social well-being and informed by diverse group of researchers, clinicians and patients*
- *He also highlighted interest by Dr. Paula Williamson (COMET) in engaging with COVID-END partners to participate in a Delphi process to identify outcomes related to infection and prevention of secondary infection*

ACTION: Group members to read the article and share back with group as to whether would be of interest to have the COMET group to present to Synthesizing meeting

- *Cristian echoed helpfulness of joint meeting; very interesting meeting as a beginning and would be helpful to follow-up on discussions moving towards tangible objectives for collaboration*
- *Elie highlighted work around replication being led by Peter Tugwell, highlighted need for framework to understand differences in SRs addressing the same question. Paper from this work is about to be published.*
- *Vivian shared that Laura Maxwell shared a paper on discordance (on why SRs differ); Lorenzo Moja has also published paper on how guidelines can handle differences in SRs*
- *Decision on replicating review was based on state of existing review, but still seeing reviews developed in parallel without critical analysis of existing reviews.*
- *Gabriel highlighted that there are several layers to comparing reviews, and need insight into difference and whether warrants replication. Several projects contribute to that (e.g. Epistemonikos matrix; Elie has published some work comparing reviews addressing the same question)*
- *May be different issues: SRs launched in parallel, replicating, trying to explain discrepancies in reviews (part of trying to choose the “best” review)*

ACTION: Suggest sharing Lorenzo, Tugwell and other relevant papers to Synthesizing working group and/or shared Synthesizing and Recommending working group, with possibility of inviting lead author(s) to join the discussion

ACTION: Revisit issue of core outcome sets as a shared issue of interest at next shared Synthesizing/Recommending meeting (scheduled for the week of September 7th)

ACTION: Change in meeting notes to reflect that inventory is repository of evidence synthesis (not guidelines)

3. ADDRESSING EQUITY IN COVID-19 REVIEWS

- *Broad support for being explicit about role for equity in COVID-END as international collaborative looking at evidence synthesis*
- *Vivian asked to present at Recommending working group; also discussed at co-chairs meeting with many ci-chairs already thinking through equity issues and willing to push these forward*
- *May be interesting to learn how equity issues were addresses in core outcomes*
- *David and Brenda expressed interest in joining follow-up equity discussions*

ACTION: Vivian to send an invitation to working group to see if others might like to join

4. JISC LISTSERV

- *Synthesizing co-chairs led a discussion stream on COVID-END community listserv*
- *Cristian shared importance of listserv for sharing news and developments as well as reflect on specific topics around evidence synthesis*
- *Group members engagement in listserv helpful to keep community active*

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. *Reminder: No regularly scheduled COVID-END meetings next week (August 31st – September 4th)*