

Table 3. Number and percentages of papers presenting each item of spin of information of abstracts. [n (%)]

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Total Sample (n=65)	Non Cochrane Reviews (n=56)	Cochrane Reviews (n=9)
0. Articles free of spin	Articles did not score any of the following items	13 (20.0)	6 (10.7)	7 (77.8)
1. Title claims a beneficial effect not supported by the findings	The title claims a beneficial effect of the experimental treatment not supported by the findings	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
2. Recommendation	Recommendation for clinical practice not supported by the findings	16 (24.6)	15 (26.8)	1 (11.1)
3. Selective reporting of outcomes	Selective reporting of outcomes favouring the beneficial effect of the experimental intervention	21 (32.3)	19 (33.9)	2 (22.2)
4. Safety based on non-statistically significant results	The conclusion claims safety based on non-statistically significant results	25 (38.5)	25 (44.6)	0 (0.0)
5. Beneficial effect despite high risk of bias	The conclusion claims the beneficial effect of the experimental treatment despite high risk of bias in primary studies	31 (47.7)	31 (55.4)	0 (0.0)
6. Selective reporting of harm outcomes	Selective reporting of harm outcomes of the experimental intervention	47 (72.3)	47 (83.9)	0 (0.0)
7. Conclusion extrapolates findings to a different intervention	The conclusion extrapolates the review's findings to a different intervention	5 (7.7)	5 (8.9)	0 (0.0)

Note: Abstracts presenting spin of information could also have not reported information as a form of spin.