

UPDATING A BEME REVIEW

BEME considers it important that published reviews are kept up to date. This ensures that the results of newly published primary studies in a topic area make an ongoing contribution to the evidence available.

We also recognise that the considerable time and effort by reviewers to complete their original review and suggest three types of updating. All of these will be available on the BEME website.

1. A collection of significant papers on the review topic published since completion of the review.
2. A short supplement to the original review highlighting key developments in the topic area.
3. A second edition of the review, involving a major reworking and rewrite of the original and further peer review.

BEME expects the lead reviewer, in consultation with the review team, to make the decisions about when a review should be updated and what level of updating is appropriate. If an original review is not updated after some considerable time BEME reserves the right to remove from the website.