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Cochrane Library

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- Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness (DARE)*
- Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials*
- Cochrane Database of Methodology Reviews*
- Cochrane Methodology Register (Methods Studies)*
- Health Technology Assessment Database (Technology Assessments)*
- NHS Economic Evaluation Database (Economic Evaluations)*