**Supplementary Table:**

**Table S1. Journals included in survey of instructions to peer reviewers.**

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| *Acad Emerg Med**Acta Orthop* *Age Ageing**Am J Cardiol**Am J Epidemiol**Am J Gastroenterol**Am J Kidney Dis**Am J Med**Am J Obstet Gynecol**Am J Psychiatry**Am J Public Health**Am J Respir Crit Care Med**Am J Sports Med**Anesth Analg**Anesthesiology**Ann Emerg Med**Ann Fam Med**Ann Intern Med**Ann Neurol**Ann Rheum Dis**Ann Surg**Ann Thorac Surg**Appl Nurs Res**Arch Dis Child**Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed**Arch Gen Psychiatry**Arch Intern Med**Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med**Arch Phys Med Rehabil**Arch Surg**Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken)**Arthritis Rheum**Arthroscopy**BJOG**BMJ**Br J Gen Pract**Br J Psychiatry**Br J Surg* | *Can J Anaesth**Can J Nurs Res**Cancer Nurs**Chest**Circulation**Clin J Am Soc Nephrol**Clin J Pain**Clin Orthop Relat Res**Clin Rehabil**CMAJ**Crit Care Med**Diabet Med**Diabetes Care**Diabetes Obes Metab**Eur Heart J**Fam Pract**Foot Ankle Int**Gastroenterology**Gut**Headache**Heart**Int J Clin Pract**Int J Nurs Stud**Int J Obes (Lond)**J Adv Nurs**J Am Coll Cardiol**J Am Coll Surg**J Am Geriatr Soc**J Am Soc Nephrol**J Arthroplasty**J Bone Joint Surg Am**J Bone Joint Surg Br**J Clin Nurs**J Clin Oncol**J Fam Pract**J Gen Intern Med**J Infect Dis**J Neurol Neurosurg**Psychiatry* | *J Neurosurg**J Nurs Scholarsh**J Orthop Sports Phys Ther**J Orthop Trauma**J Pain**J Pediatr**J Pediatr Orthop**J Physiother**J Rheumatol**J Shoulder Elbow Surg**J Surg Oncol**J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg**J Trauma**J Vasc Surg**JAMA**Kidney Int**Lancet**Lancet Neurol**Lancet Oncol**Mayo Clin Proc**Med Care**N Engl J Med**Neurology**Nurs Res**Obesity (Silver Spring)**Obstet Gynecol**Pain**Pediatrics**Pharmacotherapy**Phys Ther**Prev Med**Res Nurs Health**Rheumatology (Oxford)**Spine**Spine J**Stroke**Thorax**Transplantation**West J Nurs Res**World J Surg* |

Four exclusions from the McMaster list accessed 1st September 2010 were:

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH), Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Evidence Report -Technology Assessment (AHRQ) and Health Technology Assessment reports (HTA).