

S9: CERQual Evidence Profile_ Retention barriers

Summary of review finding	Studies contributing to the review finding.	Adequacy	coherence	CERQual assessment of confidence in the evidence	Explanation of CERQual assessment
Changes planned before the full trial to address burden of follow-up questionnaires: The need to complete and return questionnaires even if there are few symptoms was emphasized, modifying questionnaires to allow 'short-cutting' of irrelevant areas to reduce respondent burden, link questionnaire completion at follow-up to the face-to-face clinic review and the use of a variety of strategies, including telephone follow-up to maximise retention.	(34, 36, 46, 49, 50, 56-59)	Minor concerns about adequacy (only one study reported no changes to address these barriers)	Minor concerns about coherence (7 studies with well-grounded changes and one study with unclearly linked changes)	High confidence	9 studies with minor concerns about adequacy and coherence. No or very minor concerns about methodological limitations and relevance.