# Table S1: Cochrane risk of bias tool. Plus (+) represents low risk of bias; minus (-) represents high risk of bias; question mark (?) represents unclear risk of bias.

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| **Domain of bias** | **Qualification** | **Criteria for assigning risk of bias** |
| Selection bias |  | Sequence generation |
|   | + | Computer based random number generators, a table with random numbers or similar methods |
|   | - | Quasi randomization procedures e.g. allocation based on date of birth or on day of the week |
|   | ? | None described sequence generation |
| Performance bias |   | Blinding of participants and personnel |
|   | + | Blinded participants and personnel |
|   | - | Non blinded participants and personnel |
|   | ? | None described or unclear blinding of participants and personnel |
| Detection bias |   | Blinding of outcome assessment |
|   | + | Blinded outcome assessor |
|   | - | Non blinded outcome assessor |
|   | ? | Methods of (blinding) the outcome assessment were not described |
| Attrition bias |   | Incomplete outcome data |
|   | + | Random drop-out of participants was present when ≤ 10% drop-out rate |
|   | - | Selective drop-out of participants was present when > 10% dropped-out |
|   | ? | Unclear drop-out rate |
| Reporting bias |   | Selective reporting |
|   | + | Articles that reported all a priori described outcomes |
|   | - | Articles that did not report all a priori described outcomes |
|   | ? | The protocol was not found |
| Other biases |   |   |
|   | + | No other systematic errors were present |
|   | - | Any other systematic errors that could lead to bias (e.g. baseline differences between groups in GMFCS-ER, or other possibly relevant factors) |
|  | ? | Unclear other systematic errors |