Instructions on how to use the MASCOT Maternal Health database   Version 1.1 20140401

This note provides an explanation of how to use the web-based interface. This note will be updated with additional instructions as required. The tool is called a "webDatabase", where users are unable to make changes to the database, but can run searchers and make reports using the database. The webDatabase will be active indefinitely and does not require renewal of a license or additional payments.

The database contains information from two systematic reviews. One review was of low- and middle-income countries and another on high-income countries. Full details of these reviews are in the protocols accessible through the links provided on the webpage. Searches done on the webDatabase automatically search both of these reviews.

The Help tab contains useful information about how to use the database. Some instructions are also provided here. The system has a 10 minutes threshold, meaning that if nothing has been done on your session for more than 10 minutes, the session will be considered expired. If this happens, you will have to reload the page (http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/webdatabases4/Intro.aspx?ID=11).

Reports on the database work as "question" reports, whereby one can select a 'parent' code, such as HIV codes and the results will be about the 'children' codes as well. That means that if you selected a code that has no 'children', the "Run Report" button will not return any findings.

If you want to make a report about items that have only one code, this has to be done through the "Search" tab, or by combining searches and reports. To run do this, one has to perform the search, move to the reports tab, select at least one code that has some child codes, tick the "select" checkbox for a given search and then click "Run Report".

There are two main tabs: a search tab and a report tab. In the search tab you can search based on codes or carry out free text searches. In the reports tab you can generate reports, crosstabs and explore (make frequencies). The results of your searching or reporting will be displayed and you can then go into the individual items for more detail.

There are a number of options that can be turned on or off (such as saving crosstabs or showing abstracts).

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