

Peer Review

Review of: "Hidden Ethical Conflicts: The Need for Progress in Evidence-based Medicine – A Living Review"

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1. Clarify the central argument and unique contribution beyond the RCT vs PCT debate.
2. Provide concrete examples of hidden ethical conflicts to strengthen the ethical discussion.
3. Balance the critique by acknowledging where RCTs remain essential.
4. Offer practical guidance on how Pragmatic Controlled Trials can be implemented in real-world settings.
5. Support arguments with empirical evidence or case studies rather than relying mainly on theory.
6. Simplify frameworks and reduce jargon/acronyms to improve readability and accessibility.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.