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How useful is what we have? Limitations of Cochrane Reviews, the case of substance treatment in pregnancy

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- Insufficient evidence for psycho-social interventions overall
  Contingency Management is effective in improving treatment retention and transiently reducing illicit drug use in pregnant women. Insufficient evidence to support the use of Motivational Interviewing.

- No evidence

- Insufficient evidence to recommend one treatment over another.

- Generalisability:
  >90% of all study participants were poor, African American, unemployed, with extremely low education levels, and not motivated to follow the study visits.

- Generalisability:
  No studies, not applicable

- Generalisability:
  >Small sample sizes possibility of Type II error

- Generalisability:
  Assessment of generalisability needed.