

**Appendix 1. Innovations introduced between RoB-SPEO version 4 and RoB-SPEO version 6**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Main innovations introduced</b>
One round of feedback on RoB-SPEO version 4 received from pilot testers and integrated in RoB-SPEO version.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduced additional domain on bias due to differences in numerator and denominator</li><li>• Introduced standard tables for reporting assessments by domain</li><li>• Introduced new rating category (“No information”)</li></ul>
Feedback on RoB-SPEO version 5 received from two external systematic review methodologists, four peer reviewers and a journal editor and integrated in RoB-SPEO version 6 presented in this article	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Re-formatted tool for clarity, introducing subheadings to differentiate components</li><li>• In the tables for reporting assessments by domain, added reporting of data extracted from study records to support assessments and ratings</li></ul>