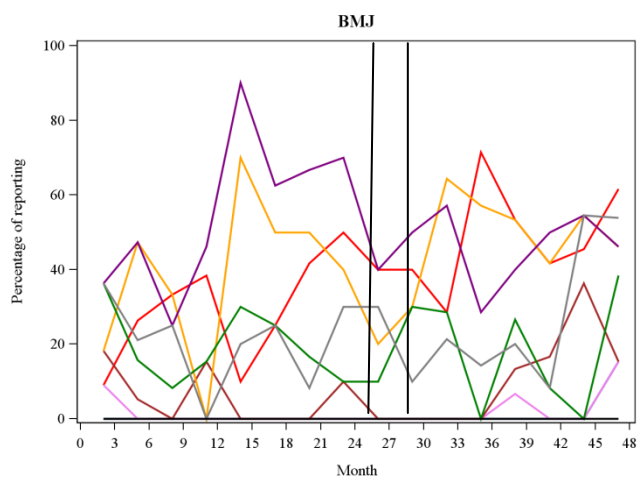
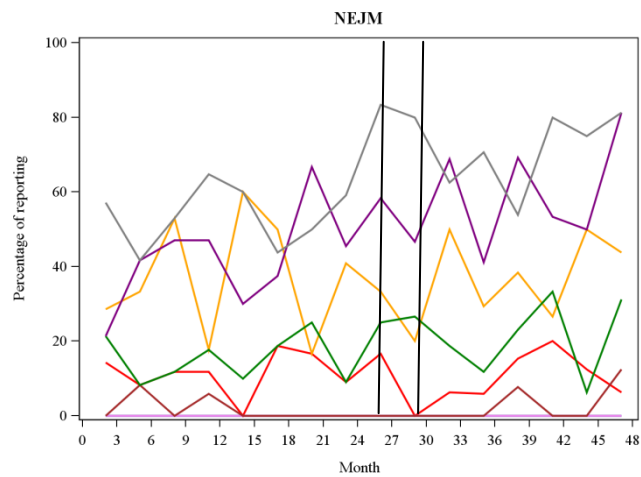
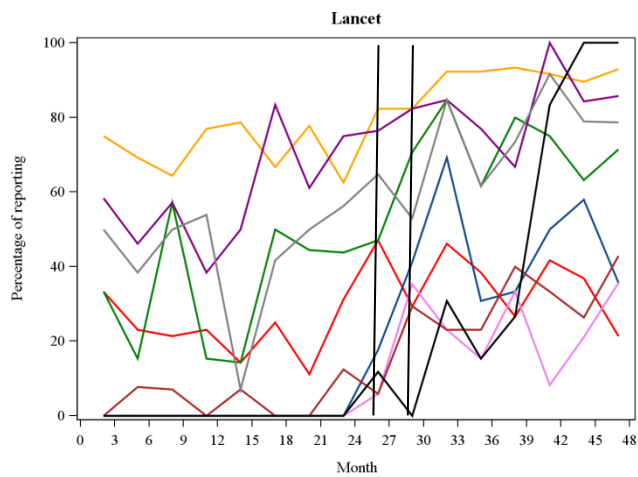
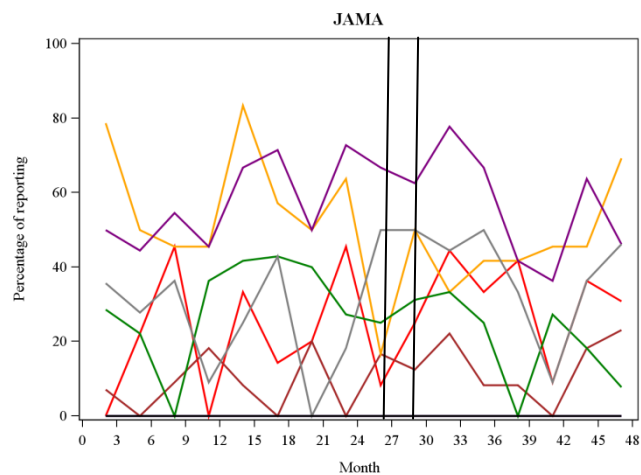
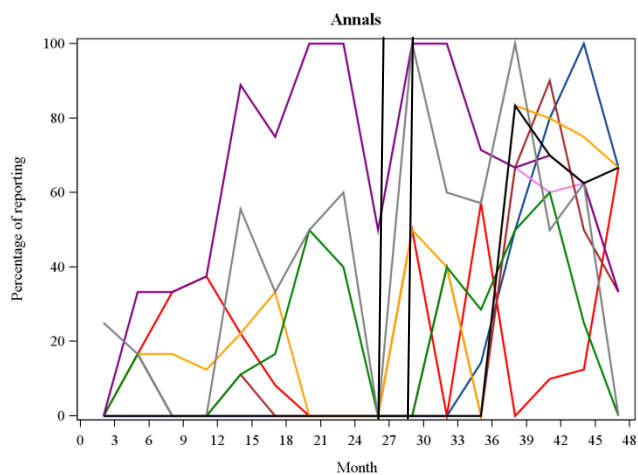


Web appendix 2: Change in the mean number of items reported per abstract for primary outcome (0-9) over time (from January 2006 to December 2009) before and after the introduction of the CONSORT for Abstracts guidelines implemented in January 2008 by journal. The transition phase is shown using vertical lines.



Legend

- Trial design
- Sequence generation
- Allocation concealment
- Blinding status
- Number participants randomized to each group
- Number of participants analysed in each group
- Primary outcome, result for each group and effect size
- Harms
- Funding source

