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Risk of Bias Assessment (Case Controls)

Selection

1. Is the case definition adequate?

- ○ Yes, with pathophysiological measure
- ○ Yes, with diagnosis but no pathophysiological measure
- ○ No description

Clear Response

2. Representativeness of the cases

- ○ All eligible cases with outcome of interest over a defined period of time OR all cases in a defined geographical area (e.g. New England, Western Ontario, etc.) OR all cases in a defined hospital or clinic, group of hospitals, hea
- ○ Not satisfying requirements in part (a), or not stated.
- ○ Unclear

Clear Response

3. Selection of Controls

- ○ From same NICUs as cases
- ○ From different NICUs
- ○ No description

Clear Response

4. Definition of Controls

- ○ No history of treatment (endpoint)
- ○ No description of source
- ○ Unclear

Clear Response

Comparability

5. Comparability of cases and controls on the basis of the design or analysis

- ☐ Study controls for birth weight
- ☐ Study controls for sex
- ☐ Study controls for gestational age
- ☐ Study controls for prenatal steroid usage
- ☐ Study controls for other

Exposure

6. Ascertainment of treatment group

- ○ Medical records
- ○ No description
- ○ Unclear

Clear Response

7. Same method of selection of treated patients for cases and controls

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unclear

Clear Response

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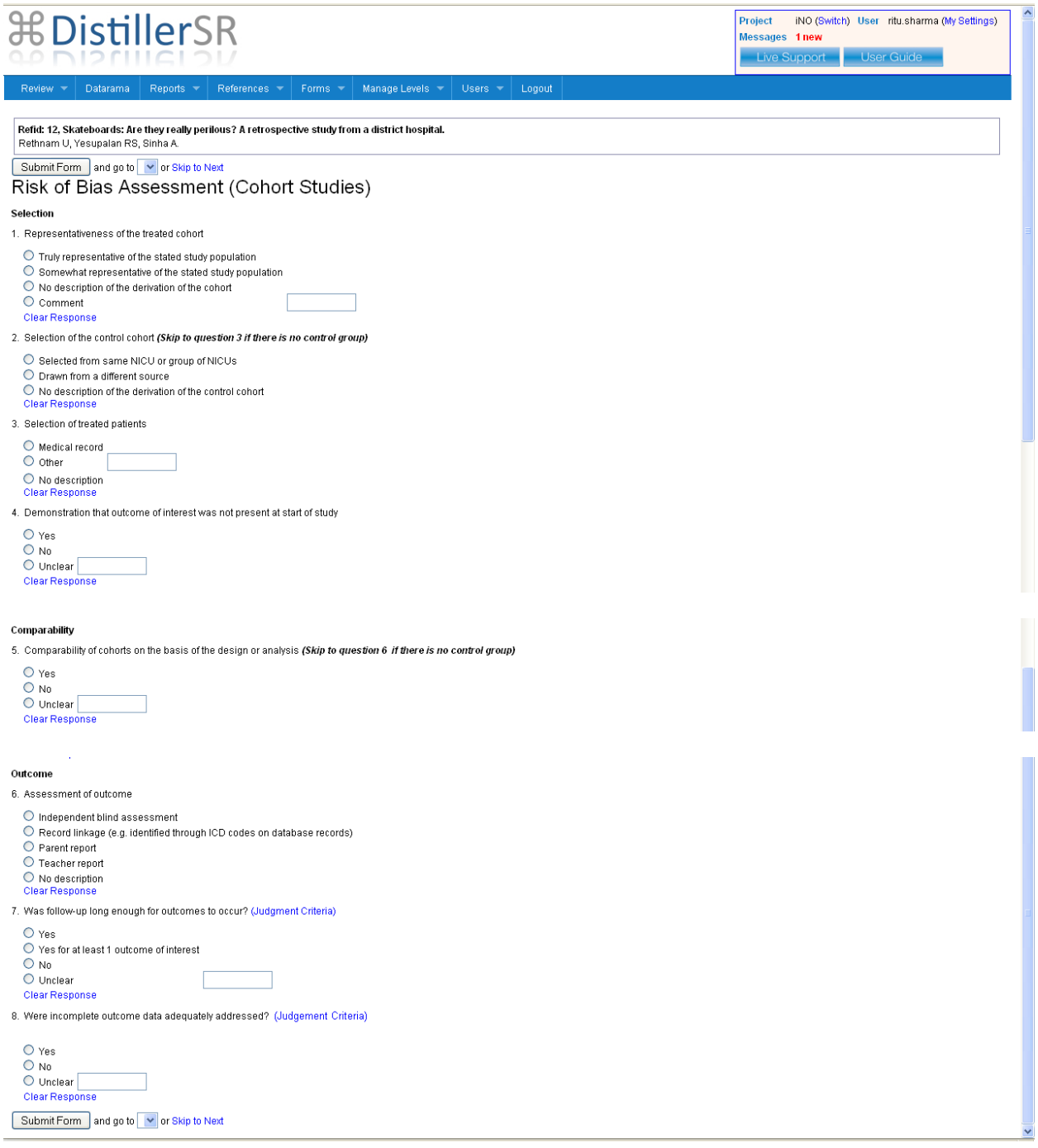
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Risk of Bias Assessment (Cohort Studies)
Selection
1. Representativeness of the treated cohort
Truly representative of the stated study population
Somewhat representative of the stated study population
No description of the derivation of the cohort
Comment
Clear Response
2. Selection of the control cohort (Skip to question 3 if there is no control group)
Selected from same NICU or group of NICUs
Drawn from a different source
No description of the derivation of the control cohort
Clear Response
3. Selection of treated patients
Medical record
Other
No description
Clear Response
4. Demonstration that outcome of interest was not present at start of study
Yes
No
Unclear
Clear Response
Comparability
5. Comparability of cohorts on the basis of the design or analysis (Skip to question 6 if there is no control group)
Yes
No
Unclear
Clear Response
Outcome
6. Assessment of outcome
Independent blind assessment
Record linkage (e.g. identified through ICD codes on database records)
Parent report
Teacher report
No description
Clear Response
7. Was follow-up long enough for outcomes to occur? (Judgment Criteria)
Yes
Yes for at least 1 outcome of interest
No
Unclear
Clear Response
8. Were incomplete outcome data adequately addressed? (Judgement Criteria)
Yes
No
Unclear
Clear Response
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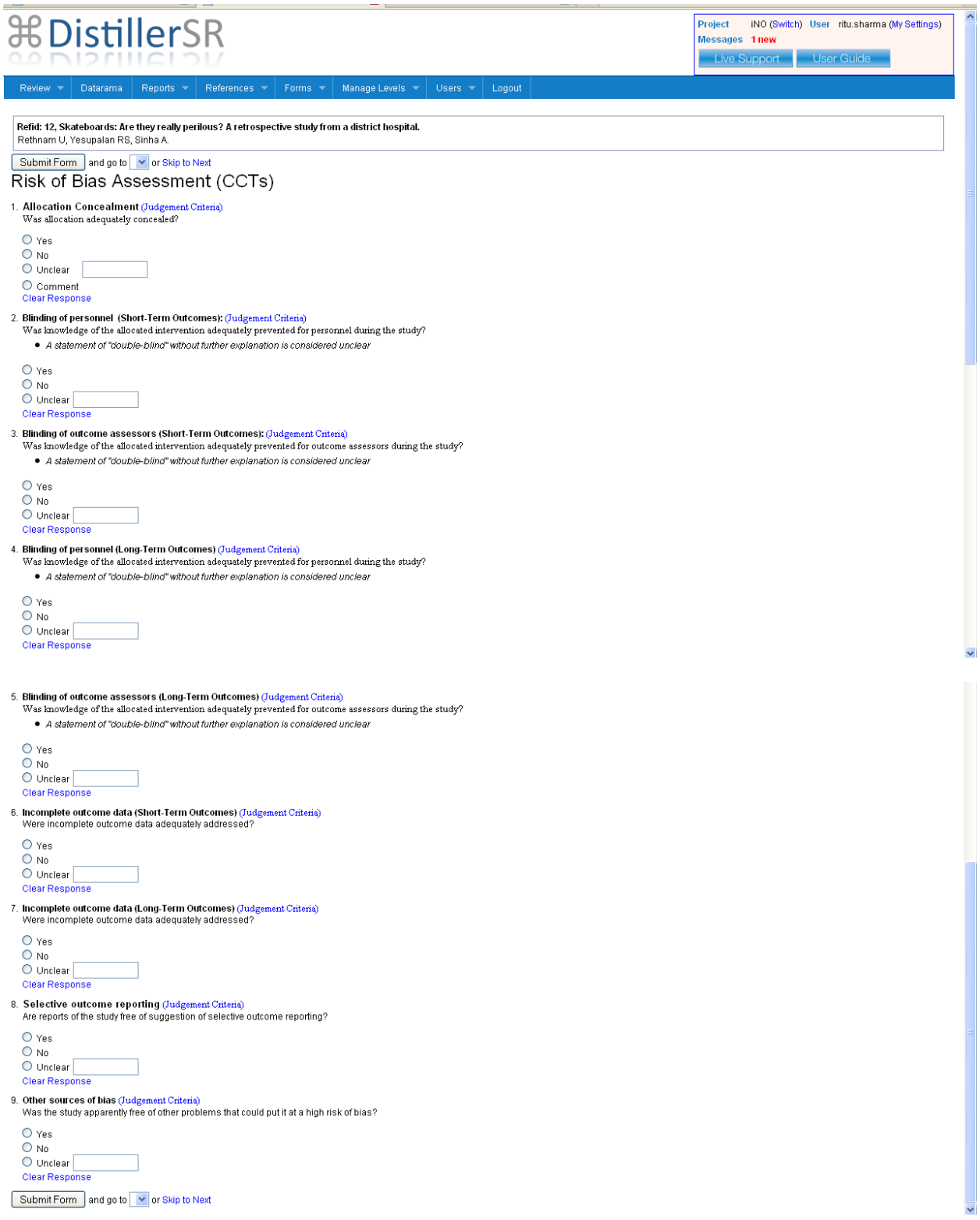
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Risk of Bias Assessment (CCTs)
1. Allocation Concealment (Judgement Criteria)
Was allocation adequately concealed?
Yes
No
Unclear
Comment
Clear Response
2. Blinding of personnel (Short-Term Outcomes): (Judgement Criteria)
Was knowledge of the allocated intervention adequately prevented for personnel during the study?
A statement of "double-blind" without further explanation is considered unclear
Yes
No
Unclear
Clear Response
3. Blinding of outcome assessors (Short-Term Outcomes): (Judgement Criteria)
Was knowledge of the allocated intervention adequately prevented for outcome assessors during the study?
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Yes
No
Unclear
Clear Response
4. Blinding of personnel (Long-Term Outcomes) (Judgement Criteria)
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Yes
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Unclear
Clear Response
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Yes
No
Unclear
Clear Response
6. Incomplete outcome data (Short-Term Outcomes) (Judgement Criteria)
Were incomplete outcome data adequately addressed?
Yes
No
Unclear
Clear Response
7. Incomplete outcome data (Long-Term Outcomes) (Judgement Criteria)
Were incomplete outcome data adequately addressed?
Yes
No
Unclear
Clear Response
8. Selective outcome reporting (Judgement Criteria)
Are reports of the study free of suggestion of selective outcome reporting?
Yes
No
Unclear
Clear Response
9. Other sources of bias (Judgement Criteria)
Was the study apparently free of other problems that could put it at a high risk of bias?
Yes
No
Unclear
Clear Response
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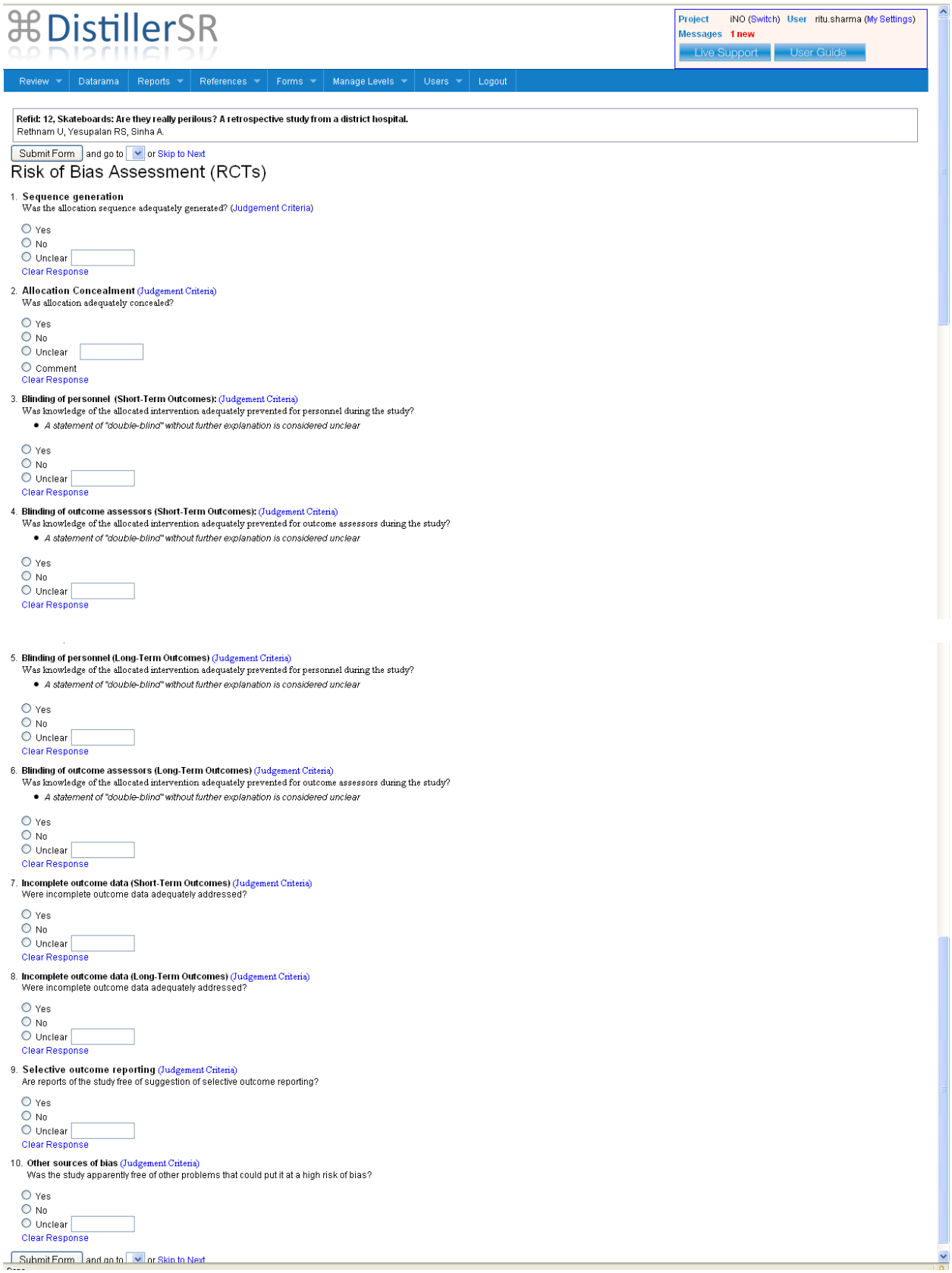
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Risk of Bias Assessment (RCTs)

1. **Sequence generation**
Was the allocation sequence adequately generated? (Judgement Criteria)

○ Yes
○ No
○ Unclear
Clear Response

2. **Allocation Concealment** (Judgement Criteria)
Was allocation adequately concealed?

○ Yes
○ No
○ Unclear
○ Comment
Clear Response

3. **Blinding of personnel (Short-Term Outcomes):** (Judgement Criteria)
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○ No
○ Unclear
Clear Response

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Clear Response

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○ Unclear
Clear Response

7. **Incomplete outcome data (Short-Term Outcomes)** (Judgement Criteria)
Were incomplete outcome data adequately addressed?

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○ No
○ Unclear
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