# Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource

Cochrane’s editorial and publishing policies and practices for articles published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, the *Cochrane Library*.

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## General publishing policies
- This section provides guidance for editorial teams on how to implement the policies listed in the *Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource* plus policies or information specific to Editors involved in the preparation and publication of Cochrane Reviews and other Cochrane content.

## Appeals policy: editorial management
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- Support resources (appeals)

## Assigning What’s New events to Cochrane Reviews

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- Policy: conflicts of interest and Cochrane Reviews
- Conflicts of interest declarations for Editorials

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- How open is it?

### Cochrane Review Group Specialized Register: request for exemptions

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- Receiving and responding to comments
- Process for dealing with submitted comments
- Workflow for managing Comments
- Comments on translations of Cochrane Reviews
- Handling comments in other languages
- Changes to the process for managing and publishing Comments, November 2020

### Complimentary access to selected Wiley journals for Cochrane Review Groups and Satellites

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### Plagiarism: editorial management
Permission to reuse Cochrane Reviews

- Re-use of Cochrane Reviews for users and third parties
- Authors/copyright owners of Cochrane Reviews
- Inclusion in a thesis or dissertation
- Cochrane Groups (including Cochrane Review Groups): Abstracts and Plain language summaries
- Translator terms and conditions

PROSPERO: International prospective register of systematic reviews

Policy for managing potentially problematic studies: implementation guidance

Promoting Cochrane Reviews: how to plan dissemination activities

Rejection policy: editorial management

- Implementing the rejection policy
- Support resources (rejection policy)

Withdrawing published Cochrane Reviews: editorial management

- Steps to withdraw a Cochrane Review
- Display of published withdrawn articles

Recent space activity

Christine Schorfheide
Version histories updated Oct 26, 2022 view change
Review proposal forms updated Jul 13, 2022 view change
Gold open access Cochrane Reviews and Protocols: editorial management updated Apr 22, 2022 view change

Blog Posts

- Blog: Policy change for withdrawing published Cochrane Reviews created by Harriet MacLehose Oct 15, 2019
- Blog: A new home for Cochrane’s editorial and publishing policies created by Harriet MacLehose Aug 19, 2019

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