Assigning What’s New events to Cochrane Reviews

- **Withdrawing published Cochrane Reviews**

‘What’s new’ events in Review Manager (RevMan) become the Version History of a protocol or a review when it is published on the Cochrane Library.

Use ‘What’s new’ events in Review Manager (RevMan) to describe the changes to the protocol or review since it was last published. What’s New events are used to help readers understand the type of change made to a new version of a Cochrane Review (or protocol for a Cochrane Review), such as an amendment, an update, and whether the conclusions have been changed or not. This is to ensure that the history of changes to a review remain with the review as new versions are published.

The information you enter as a description in RevMan is visible to readers. Please explain changes clearly and concisely.

It is essential to select the appropriate What’s New events as set out in the table below. The reasons for this are:

- To ensure a new citation is applied when appropriate.
- To give readers clear information on what has changed between versions.
- To select the appropriate what’s new events before publication because these cannot be changed after publication (e.g. it is not possible to ‘undo’ a new citation).

*RevMan guidance:* You can include a maximum of two new ‘What’s New’ events in RevMan. Only information about the changes since the last published version should be in the ‘What’s New’ table.

‘What’s New’ events from previously published versions *must* be moved to the ‘History’ table in RevMan.

The ‘Date’ field in RevMan *must* be populated with the date of publication (or as close to it as possible).

Also see: Digital object identifier (DOI) and website address (URL) of a Cochrane Review and Citation versions: DOIs and URLs.

### ‘What’s New’ events for Cochrane Reviews and protocols

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| A Review | Review       | • Results of a new search:  
  - Addition of new studies to Included studies, Excluded studies or Ongoing studies  
  - If no new studies were identified  
  - If studies are added to Awaiting classification only, use an Amended event - see below  
  • Change in status of a study:  
  - Full inclusion of a study previously awaiting classification  
  - Removal of one or more studies previously included (e.g. when studies have been retracted) | Yes | Yes | (1) Updated AND (2) New citation: conclusion changed | (1) New search has been performed (2) New citation required and conclusions have changed | If a new search was conducted, the search date can be added to the description of the ‘Updated’ ‘What’s New’ event |
|          |              |                |                      |                       | (1) Amended AND (2) New citation: conclusion not changed | (1) Amended (2) New citation required and conclusions have changed | Concisely describe what has changed and any resulting change to conclusions, including direction and magnitude of effect and |

See also Reporting search dates.
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**Certainty in the results (as expressed by GRADE ratings)**

- Conclusions
- Licence for Publication type (e.g. Green to Gold Open Access)

**Withdrawning published Cochrane Reviews**

The withdrawal of a published Cochrane Review or a protocol for a Cochrane Review automatically creates a new citation version. To withdraw, see the policy, guidance, and process.