Agreements with journals for the co-publication of Cochrane Reviews

Some journals have indicated that they would like to publish abridged versions of Cochrane Reviews. In the past these have been informal agreements, but since 2010 co-publication agreements have been formalized between the editor of the journal, the Editor in Chief of the Cochrane Library, and Wiley (publisher). A list of journals that have signed a Cochrane co-publication agreement is available (see below). Journal editors interested in arranging a Cochrane co-publication agreement should contact the Editor in Chief of the Cochrane Library. A template for a co-publication agreement is available (see Co-publication forms and templates).

Authors should be aware that, even if such an agreement is in place, the Cochrane Review article is likely to go through the journal’s own peer review and editorial process, in addition to the Cochrane Review Group’s (CRG’s) processes. CRGs are encouraged to work with journal editorial teams that maintain a co-publication agreement, so that the process can be made as efficient as possible.

Authors who submit an abridged Cochrane Review to a journal that already has a Cochrane co-publication agreement do not need to request permission from the Cochrane Review publishers (John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.) or the Cochrane Editorial & Methods Department (EMD), but they must complete the ‘Permission to co-publish’ form (see Co-publication forms and templates) and send this to the CRG’s Managing Editor. If permission is granted, the CRG should forward the completed form to the EMD for their information (contact emd@cochrane.org and ensure that the subject line of your email clearly states “Co-publication query”). This will help the EMD to track how Cochrane Reviews are being co-published, and this information will help with future revisions of this policy.

List of journals with Cochrane co-publication agreements

The journals listed below have all signed Cochrane co-publication agreements and are either specialty titles or regional titles. This list is maintained by Wiley; for queries, please contact Cathryn Jordan (cjordan2@wiley.com; Associate Editor, Wiley).

1. Advances in Psychiatry Treatment
2. American Academy of Dermatology
3. American Journal of Gastroenterology
4. American Journal of Hypertension
5. Anesthesia and Analgesia
6. Archives of Dermatology
7. Beipress-Healthcom
8. BJUI
9. British Journal of Dermatology
10. British Journal of Surgery
11. British Medical Journal
12. BMJ Publishing Group’s specialist journals (All)
13. Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene
14. Canadian Medical Association Journal
15. Canadian Urological Association Journal
16. Cancer Treatment Review
17. Chinese Journal of Evidence-based Medicine
18. Climacteric
19. Clinical and Experimental Dermatology
20. Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research
21. Cochlear Implants International
22. Colorectal Disease
23. Diabetic Medicine
24. Diseases of the Colon and Rectum
25. European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery
26. Genetics in Medicine
27. Health Education Journal
28. Human Reproduction
29. HNO
30. IC Urology
31. Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
32. International Journal of Epidemiology
33. International Journal of Nursing Studies
34. International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology
35. JAAI
36. JAMA
37. JAMA Clinical Evidence Synopsis
38. JNNP
39. Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology
40. Journal of Audiological Medicine
41. Journal of Evidence-based Medicine
42. Journal of General Internal Medicine
43. Journal of Health Services Research and Policy
44. Journal of Human Hypertension
45. Journal of Laryngology and Otology
46. Journal of the National Cancer Institute
47. Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry
48. Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health
49. Journal of Rheumatology
50. Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing
51. Musculoskeletal Science and Practice
52. Obstetrics and Gynecology
53. Pediatric Anesthesia
54. PM&R (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation)
55. Respiratory Care
56. Saudi Medical Journal
57. South African Medical Journal
58. Spine
59. Techniques in Coloproctology