

# Exceptions to named peer review: special cases

## Consumers

As set out in the policy ([see details](#)), consumer peer reviewers are exempt from the named peer review process and may choose to remain anonymous. (Consumers still follow the policy for [Declarations of potential conflicts of interest for peer reviewers](#).)

## Exceptions approved by Network Senior Editor or Editor in Chief

If a Cochrane Review Group believes that the peer review process for a particular Cochrane Review will be significantly negatively impacted by using named peer review, the Managing Editor or Co-ordinating Editor may apply to the Network Senior Editor or Editor in Chief of the Cochrane Library for a policy exception on a **review-by-review basis**. In each case the Cochrane Review Group must provide details, including the reason for opting to remain anonymous. Any exemptions must be forwarded to the Cochrane Editorial & Methods Department ([emd@cochrane.org](mailto:emd@cochrane.org)); see [Exceptions to named peer review: editorial management](#).