Date fields in Cochrane Reviews: overview

There are several date fields associated with a Cochrane Review (including protocols and updates), and some are for internal use (available in Review Manager only) and some are included in the published article; see Table.

Table. Overview of date fields in Cochrane Reviews: description, source of date, and where the dates are displayed

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CDSR: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews; CR: Cochrane Review; RevMan: Review Manager.
* Published until 2016.