## 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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**Article sharing**
- Policy: article sharing
- Inclusion in PubMed Central

**Comments on Cochrane Reviews**
- Comments: policy and process overview
- Submitting comments on Cochrane Reviews and protocols
- Citing comments
- Comments submitted outside the Cochrane Library commenting system

**Serious errors in published Cochrane Reviews**

**Withdrawning published Cochrane Reviews**

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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**
- Appeals process
- Support resources (appeals)

**Assigning What’s New events to Cochrane Reviews**

**Authorship and contributorship: editorial management**
- Authors using group name: Archie and RevMan guidance
- Joint first authors: assigning in RevMan
- Change in author affiliation: RevMan and Archie guidance
- Deceased authors: RevMan and Archie guidance

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

**Comments on Cochrane Reviews: editorial management**
General editorial policies applicable throughout the preparation of articles before publication.

Authorship and contributorship
- Criteria for authorship
- Editors or editorial staff as authors of Cochrane Reviews from their Cochrane Review Group
- Changes in authorship
- Authors using a group name
- Joint first authors
- Change in author affiliation
- Deceased authors
- Changes to author name
- Changes to author contact details
- Authorship disputes

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

Defamation

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

Conflict of interest: steps to action Research Integrity Editors and CoI panel decisions

Co-publication templates for CRG Managing Editors

Copy Edit Support

Data protection

Editorial note: editorial guidance

Editorial responsibility and approval

Editorial workflows for Cochrane Reviews
- About editorial workflows for Cochrane Reviews
- Policy for use of editorial workflows by Cochrane Review Groups
- User documentation and support

EMD screening resources
- Feedback from Network Associate Editors

Figures and tables: general reporting guidelines

Gold open access Cochrane Reviews and Protocols: editorial management

International editorial organizations: information for Cochrane Editors

More than one Cochrane Review Group (CRG) providing editorial support on a Cochrane Review

Overlapping scope: editorial management

Proposals for new Cochrane Reviews: editorial management
- Review proposal forms
- Editorial process: titles

Peer review: editorial management
- Aim of peer review
- Editorial roles during the peer review process
- Acknowledgement
- Collating and addressing peer review comments
- CRG and DTA editorial team peer review policies and procedures
- Declarations of potential conflicts of interest for peer reviewers: implementation information
- Delegation of peer review responsibilities
- Exceptions to named peer review: editorial management
- Feedback to peer reviewers
- Inviting peer reviewers
- Inviting peer reviewers to be authors
- Number and expertise of peer reviewers: implementation
- Peer review checklists
- Support resources (peer review)
- Cochrane TaskExchange: new peer reviewers

Plagiarism: editorial management
- Detecting plagiarism using Similarity Check
- What to do in cases of suspected plagiarism in submitted articles
- Managing reports of suspected plagiarism in articles published in the CDSR
- Support resources (plagiarism)
- 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

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**Recent space activity**

**Christine Schortheide**  
Steps to withdraw a Cochrane Review updated Feb 07, 2022 • view change

Version histories updated Sep 02, 2021 • view change

**Liz Dooley**  
Assigning What's New events to Cochrane Reviews updated Oct 29, 2020 • view change

**Blog Posts**

- Blog: Policy change for withdrawing published Cochrane Reviews  
  created by Harriet MacLehose  
  Oct 15, 2019  
  Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource

- Blog: A new home for Cochrane’s editorial and publishing policies  
  created by Harriet MacLehose  
  Aug 19, 2019  
  Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource