Policy statement

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Cochrane takes measures to prevent, detect, and address plagiarised content in Cochrane Reviews. See *Box* for a definition of plagiarism.

Box. Definition of plagiarism

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