Digital object identifier (DOI) and website address (URL) of a Cochrane Review

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A typical Cochrane Review digital object identifier (DOI) looks like this:

> 10.1002/14651858.CD001751.pub3

The DOI is usually displayed in the form of a URL:

> https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD001751.pub3

What do the DOI components mean?

10.1002	Prefix indicating the DOI is owned by John Wiley and Sons, Ltd (Publisher of the Cochrane Library)
14651858	ISSN of the Cochrane Library
CD001751	Cochrane Review ID
Pub3	Version number (for versions 2 and up)

Each time a new citation version is published the version number increases by 1, but there is no Pub1. The first version (usually the protocol) has no 'Pub' suffix.

For example, this is the DOI history for a single review looking in the past, present, and future:

https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD008540	2010 protocol
https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD008540.pub2	2010 first review version
https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD008540.pub3	2012 update
https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD008540.pub4	2016 update
https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD008540.pub5	Next citation version when published

For older reviews the earlier versions may not be available in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* (within the Cochrane Library), so a reader will only see the first version of the review with a Wiley DOI. The 'pub' number is independent of the stage, type, or status of the review. It just increases by 1 if there's a new citation version.

DOI structure for split and merged reviews

If a review is split into multiple versions, this is recorded in Archie, but each new review will get a separate new CD number and DOI. This also applies if multiple reviews are merged into one review. The new review will get a new CD number and DOI.

URL (website address)

The URL is created by adding the DOI after this:

> https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/

A /full or /abstract suffix can be used for the full text or abstract, respectively. So for the example review, the URL is:

> https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD001751.pub3