# Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource

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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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- Changes in authorship
- Authors using a group name
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- 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

### Complaints procedure:
#### Cochrane Library

### Complimentary Cochrane Library access for Cochrane authors and Groups

### Co-publication
- Policy and overview
- Arranging co-publication of a Cochrane Review
- Co-publication agreements with other journals
- Converting systematic reviews (non-Cochrane) to Cochrane Reviews
- Submitting abstracts to conferences
- Co-publication forms
- Reuse of published Cochrane content by Cochrane Groups

### Copyrighted images: using in articles published in the CDSR

### Date fields in Cochrane Reviews: overview

### Editorial notes

### Impact factor

### Licence for publication forms
- Policy and process
- Where contributions are owned by Employer
- Submitting forms on behalf of an author
- Licence for publication forms for Cochrane Reviews and protocols
- Licence for publication forms for editorials

### Open access

### Authors using group name: Archie and RevMan guidance
### Joint first authors: assigning in RevMan
### Change in author affiliation: RevMan and Archie guidance
### Deceased authors: Implementation guidance

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

### Comments on Cochrane Reviews: editorial management
- Receiving and responding to comments
- Process for dealing with submitted comments
- Workflow for managing Comments
- Handling comments in other languages
- Changes to the process for managing and publishing Comments, November 2020

### 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

### EMD screening resources
- Feedback from 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
- Proposals from authors to conduct new or updated Cochrane Reviews: process and guidance
- Title formats for Cochrane Reviews
- Review proposal forms

### Peer review: editorial management
| Policy overview  
| Open access  
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| How open is it?  

**Permission to reuse Cochrane Reviews**

- 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**

| 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  
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| 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)  
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**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)

**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 Schorfeide
- Version histories updated Jul 01, 2024
- View change
- Steps to withdraw a Cochrane Review updated Jul 01, 2024
- View change
- Review proposal forms updated Jul 01, 2024

**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