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Example: Ranganathan LN, Ramaratnam S. Zonisamide monotherapy for epilepsy [Protocol]. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2007, Issue 4. Art. No.: CD006789. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006789.

Reference type	Cochrane Protocol
Authors	Ranganathan LN, Ramaratnam S
English title	Zonisamide monotherapy for epilepsy
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Journal/book/source	Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
Date of publication	2007
Issue	4
Identifier - DOI	10.1002/14651858.CD006789
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Cochrane Review

Example: Herbert RD, de Noronha M, Kamper SJ. Stretching to prevent or reduce muscle soreness after exercise. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 7. CD004577. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004577.pub3.

Reference type	Cochrane Review
Authors	Herbert RD, de Noronha M, Kamper SJ
English title	Stretching to prevent or reduce muscle soreness after exercise
Journal/book/source	Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
Date of publication	2011
Issue	7
Identifier - DOI	10.1002/14651858.CD004577.pub3
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Reference type	Correspondence
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English title	Comment on: Fundal pressure during the second stage of labour
Journal/book/source	www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD0060 67.pub3/detailed-comment/en?messageId=167119701
Date of Publication	12 March 2018

Registered title

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Reference ID	Teoh 2019
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Authors	Teoh A
English title	Anti-fibrotic therapies for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and other fibrotic interstitial lung diseases [title]
Journal/book/source	www.cochrane.org/title/anti-fibrotic-therapies-idiopathic- pulmonary-fibrosis-and-other-fibrotic-interstitial-lung-diseases
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Reference type	Cochrane review
Authors	Moons KG, Hooft L, Williams K, Hayden JA, Damen JA, Riley RD
English title	Implementing systematic reviews of prognosis studies in Cochrane [Editorial]
Journal/book/source	Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
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Authors	Higgins JP, Thomas J, Chandler J, Cumpston M, Li T, Page MJ, Welch VA, editor(s)
English title	Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions
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Authors	Deeks JJ, Bossuyt PM, Gatsonis C, editor(s)
English title	Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Diagnostic Test Accuracy Version 1.0.0. The Cochrane Collaboration, 2013
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GRADE Handbook

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English title	Handbook for grading the quality of evidence and the strength of recommendations using the GRADE approach (updated October 2013). GRADE Working Group, 2013
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