

Reviews and Methods Digest

8th July 2016

Dear Colleagues

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For Action:

1. Structure & Function webinars: June and July 2016

There are still two opportunities to participate in the *Structure and Function Review* webinars and we would welcome your contribution. The webinars will run for 60-90 minutes. To join any of the allocated webinars, please click the link below.* If you need more information or assistance on joining the webinars, please contact Hilary Simmonds (hsimmonds@cochrane.org). Local times can be found at <http://www.timeanddate.com/>

Date	UK time (GMT+1)	Go-to-meeting invitation
11 th July 2016	16:00 (PM)	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/691393061
14 th July 2016	08:00 (AM)	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/141007141

* For more information on GoToMeeting please see the [GoToMeeting support page](#)

If you are unable to attend you can watch one of the webinars [here](#).

Please note: if you or your colleagues are unable to attend of the times specified above, please contact Hilary Simmonds (hsimmonds@cochrane.org) and we will try to organize a meeting to suit your diary.

2. Structure and Function webinars for Centres, Branches, and Networks: July and August 2016

A series of four webinars (each presenting the same content at different times) to introduce the structure and function changes to Centres, Branches, and Networks will be run during July and August 2016. These webinars are open to all Cochrane Groups, so if you are from a CRG, Field or Methods Group you are also welcome to attend. All Centre and Branch staff are recommended to attend one of the four webinars.

If you have any queries about this series of webinars or anything else relating to the structure and function review of Centres and Branches, please contact Chris Champion (cchampion@cochrane.org).

Date	UK time (GMT+1)	Go-to-meeting invitation
13 th Jul 2016	16:00-17:30	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8731371745466752771 Webinar ID: 148-934-587
14 th Jul 2016	08:00-9:30	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2064572050888901123 Webinar ID: 118-322-907
2 nd Aug 2016	08:00-9:30	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5561201546146818051 Webinar ID: 105-944-395
4 th Aug 2016	16:00-17:30	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4927439745361868035 Webinar ID: 105-647-435

3. Peer review policy update

You might be aware that the Cochrane Editorial Unit has been working with input from an advisory group to develop a Cochrane policy on peer review. This policy is due to roll out to all CRGs over the next few months, and in order to help us to plan the implementation and guidance to support the policy we would like to gain a better understanding of current peer review practice. We hope that this will also provide an opportunity for CRGs to share with us their approaches to the challenges of the peer review process.

A survey will be sent to all MEs next week (week commencing Monday 11th July), and should be completed by the ME, or by the person who manages the peer-review process if it is not the ME, for each CRG. The survey includes 10 questions and should take a maximum of 20 minutes to complete. Surveys should be completed within two weeks and results will then be anonymised and shared.

Please note that this survey is in addition to the policy consultation process, which will take place separately.

4. Survey - Searching for and reporting adverse effects in systematic reviews

The Cochrane Adverse Effects Methods Group is working on a methodological development project entitled: *Development of guidance for the identification and quality assessment of adverse effects in systematic reviews* funded via the [Cochrane Collaboration Methods Innovation Fund](#). Have your say on what guidance and training materials should be developed to help you!

Survey: <https://community.cochrane.org/news/survey-searching-and-reporting-adverse-effects-systematic-reviews>.

5. Updating Classification System: webinars and release in Archie

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The Updating Classification System (UCS) will be released in Archie during the week of 18 July. To accompany this change, we are circulating information about the UCS and also invite you to join an introductory webinar. The webinars will be repeated in August/September.

About the Updating Classification System

The aim of the Updating Classification System (UCS) is to help readers understand whether a Cochrane Review is up to date, likely to be updated in future, or does not need updating at the current time. The system can also help Cochrane Review Groups (CRGs) with prioritization decisions for individual Cochrane Reviews.

Within the UCS, which is applied in Archie, CRGs will be able to select an Update Status for a Cochrane Review (Up to date, Updating pending, No update planned), a Rationale for this (from a pick-list), and also add a free-text explanation to provide detail about the reason for the selection. A decision-making flowchart is available to help guide teams to the selecting an Update Status. The UCS uses a new publishing process in which the application and revision of the Update Status is separate to the publication of review. This means that editorial teams can revise and republish the Update Status without republishing the review, where the Update Status can be applied separately (e.g. if moves to ‘No update planned’).

The UCS will be available for Intervention and DTA reviews initially.

You can find more detailed information in the “Updating Classification System: guide to applying to Cochrane Reviews” in the Updating Classification System section of the Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource: <https://community.cochrane.org/editorial-and-publishing-policy-resource/cochrane-review-management/updating-classification-system-cochrane-reviews>.

Aims of the webinar

The aims of the webinar are to:

- Provide an introduction to Updating Classification System for Cochrane Reviews
- Learn how to apply an Update Status to a Cochrane Review using example reviews
- Learn how to apply the Update Status to a Cochrane Review in Archie
- Learn how the Update Status will appear alongside a published Cochrane Review

Webinar times and sign-up

We will run three webinars initially and plan to follow up with additional webinars in August/September:

Webinar	GoToMeeting link	Location and local time					
		Vancouver	Toronto	London	Rome	Melbourne /Brisbane	Auckland
1) 20 July	https://global.go-to-meeting.com/join/638181077	0800	1100	1600	1700	0100 (21 Jul)	0300 (21 Jul)
2) 21 July	https://global.go-to-meeting.com/join/450378693	0200	0500	1100	1200	2000	2200
3) 26 July	https://global.go-to-meeting.com/join/857842037	2100 (25 July)	0000	0500	0600	1400	1600

Please sign up for a webinar using this Doodle poll: <http://doodle.com/poll/w9irech678zvqzgc>
For those not able to attend, a webinar will be recorded.

For Information:

1. Cochrane Style Manual

The new [Cochrane Style Manual](#) is now available on the Cochrane Community site. This replaces the previous Cochrane Style Guide PDF (v 4.1) and is a thematically organized, web-based manual. The aim of the Cochrane Style Manual is to provide authors, editors, and copy-editors with a resource that will enable a consistent style and current terminology to be applied to Cochrane Reviews and related content. The manual is fully searchable, and there is also a PDF version. [Cochrane Style Manual Basics](#) provides a short summary of the key points.

This manual includes a number of changes, clarifications, and new style points, which are listed on the [What's New](#) page. There is no need to apply all these changes to Cochrane Reviews in progress, but we hope all new Cochrane Reviews will follow the style manual from September 2016 onwards. The Copy Edit Support team will be able to support you in this.

The new format makes it easier to revise and expand the manual, and we welcome suggestions for additions, clarifications, or other changes. Please use the dedicated section of [Cochrane Ideas](#) as a forum to submit your suggestions and to comment on others' suggestions.

If you have any queries or feedback, please contact John Hilton, Editor, Cochrane Editorial Unit (jhilton@cochrane.org) or Elizabeth Royle, Copy Edit Support Manager (eroyle@cochrane.org). We are grateful to the Cochrane Style Manual Working Group for their contributions to the manual.

2. Cochrane priority review list – July 2016 revision

Cochrane-wide prioritisation remains an important project and has been included in the Strategy to 2020 Targets for 2016. Over 100 priority reviews have been published since the project began. The July 2016 revision of the Cochrane Priority Reviews List includes new titles from the Acute Respiratory Infections, Consumers & Communications, Dementia & Cognitive Improvement, Kidney & Transplant, Metabolic & Endocrine Disorders, Skin, Tobacco Addiction, Upper Gastrointestinal & Pancreatic Diseases, and Vascular Groups.

If you would like to contribute in any way to our goal of delivering the reviews through to publication, please contact the Editor in Chief, David Tovey (dtovey@cochrane.org). Please be aware that all titles in the priority list have author teams in place, except for those mentioned above and any others that have been specifically highlighted.

Download the [Cochrane Priority Review list for 2016 \(July revision\)](#)

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3. Update on 2015 Impact Factor release

The 2015 Journal Citation Report (JCR) has been released by Thomson ISI and effective July 2016 the impact factor for the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) is 6.103. This is an **increase** on the 2014 impact factor, which was 6.035.

Some highlights of the 2015 impact factor include:

- The CDSR is ranked 12th of the 152 journals in the Medicine, General & Internal category
- The 5-year impact factor is 6.665, an increase on the 2014 5-Year Impact Factor of 6.536
- The CDSR received 11,523 cites in the 2015 Impact Factor period, compared with 11,932 for the 2014 Impact Factor calculation.

As in previous years, Wiley will compile the main impact factor report and the Cochrane Review Group reports based on the impact factor data along with additional impact data for individual reviews. The reports will be circulated in August 2016. Wiley also plans to run a webinar specifically for Cochrane Groups to provide an overview of the bibliometric data available for the CDSR and to answer any queries have regarding the calculation and interpretation of the impact factor and associated metrics. To register interest in attending the webinar, or for any further information, please email [Gavin Stewart](mailto:Gavin.Stewart) and include any questions or areas of interest.

4. New authors resources from Cochrane Consumers and Communication Group

Cochrane Consumers and Communication has recently finished a new set of resources for authors, to support them in writing their reviews. These resources were developed in response to common problem areas for review teams, and to help fill gaps in the practical 'how to' implementation of methods, particularly in cases where the interventions are complex. These resources are now accessible at <http://cccr.org/cochrane.org/author-resources>.

5. New training course: Software to Support the Systematic Review Process

The York Health Economics Consortium, will run two new workshops for 2016:

- [Software Packages to Support the Systematic Review Process \(6 October 2016\)](#)
- [Software Tools to Support the Systematic Review Process \(7 October 2016\)](#)

6. Blogs on the Cochrane Community site

You may be interested to read these recent blogs that were published on the Cochrane Community site.

The *Task Exchange* excitement builds - take a sneak peek at the new features coming in July: <http://community.cochrane.org/news/drumroll-taskexchange-excitement-builds>

Cochrane in the news - A round-up of selected recent media coverage citing, discussing, and presenting health evidence: <http://www.cochrane.org/news/cochrane-news-july-2016>