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Personal communication: email message

Example: Smith A. Allocation concealment used in our trial [personal communication]. Email to: C Keystone 27 November 2009.

Reference ID	Smith 2009 [pers comm]
Reference type	Other
Authors	Smith A <i>Author of the email</i>
English title	Allocation concealment used in our trial [personal communication] <i>Email subject line</i>
Journal/book/source	Email to: C Keystone <i>Email recipient</i>
Date of publication	27 November 2009 <i>Date email sent</i>

Personal communication: letter

Example: Smith A. (Vaccine Research Group, London, UK) [personal communication]. Letter to: C Keystone (Vaccine Review Study Team, London, UK) 27 November 2009.

Reference ID	Smith 2009 [pers comm]
Reference type	Other
Authors	Smith A. (Vaccine Research Group, London, UK) <i>Letter author (letter author's affiliation)</i>
English title	[personal communication]
Journal/book/source	Letter to: C Keystone (Vaccine Review Study Team, London, UK) <i>Letter recipient (letter recipient's affiliation)</i>
Date of publication	27 November 2009 <i>Date letter sent</i>
Volume	Located at: [insert archive name and address] <i>Complete this section if the letter is available in a public archive</i>

Personal communication: other communication (e.g. conversation)

Example: Smith A. (Vaccine Research Group, London, UK). [personal communication]. Conversation with: C Keystone (Vaccine

Review Study Team, London, UK) 27 November 2009.

Reference ID	Smith 2009 [pers comm]
Reference type	Other
Authors	Smith A. (Vaccine Research Group, London, UK) <i>Person contacted for conversation (person's affiliation)</i>
English title	[personal communication]
Journal/book/source	Conversation with: C Keystone (Vaccine Review Study Team, London, UK) <i>Person who initiated conversation or citing conversation (person's affiliation)</i>
Date of publication	27 November 2009 <i>Date conversation held</i>

Unpublished data

Example: UK/Asia trialists. Individual patient data (as supplied 1 April 1995). Data on file.

Reference type	Unpublished data
Authors	UK/Asia trialists
English title	Individual patient data (as supplied 1 April 1995)
Journal/book/source	Data on file

Figure, table or appendix in a journal article

Use this format when referencing a figure, table or appendix within a journal article, or when reproducing such material in a Cochrane Review.

Example: Osrin D, Vaidya A, Shrestha Y, Baniya RB, Manandhar DS, Adhikari RK, et al. Effects of antenatal multiple micronutrient supplementation on birthweight and gestational duration in Nepal: double-blind, randomised controlled trial. *Lancet* 2005;365(9463):955-62. Figure, Trial profile; p. 958.

Reference type	Other
Authors	Osrin D, Vaidya A, Shrestha Y, Baniya RB, Manandhar DS, Adhikari RK, et al
English title	Effects of antenatal multiple micronutrient supplementation on birthweight and gestational duration in Nepal: double-blind, randomised controlled trial
Journal/book/source	<i>Lancet</i>
Date of publication	2005
Volume	365
Issue	9463

Pages	955-62. Figure, Trial profile; p. 958
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Study listed in a trial register

Example: NCT00119132. Effectiveness of intermittent preventive treatment for malaria in children [Study of impact of intermittent preventive treatment in children with amodiaquine plus artesunate versus sulphadoxine-pyrimethamine on hemoglobin levels and malaria morbidity in Hohoe District of Ghana]. clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT00119132 (first received 10 August 2005).

Reference type	Other
Study ID	NCT00119132 <i>Trial registration number</i>
Authors	NCT00119132 <i>Trial registration number</i>
English title	Effectiveness of intermittent preventive treatment for malaria in children <i>Use 'Brief title' or 'Public title' of trial as given in register (in sentence case)</i>
Original title	Study of impact of intermittent preventive treatment in children with amodiaquine plus artesunate versus sulphadoxine-pyrimethamine on hemoglobin levels and malaria morbidity in Hohoe District of Ghana <i>Use any other title that may be included in the register (in sentence case)</i>
Journal/book/source	clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT00119132 <i>Website address showing trial registration form</i>
Date of publication	(first received 10 August 2005) <i>Date the study record was first posted to the trials register</i>

Ongoing study (not in trial register or journal)

Example: Der Hoeven EJRJ, Schonewille WJ, Vos JA. BASilar artery International Cooperation Study (BASICS) trial. www.basicstrial.com (accessed 1 June 2016).

Reference type	Other
Study ID	Der Hoeven ongoing <i>Contact person's family name plus word 'ongoing'</i>
Authors	Der Hoeven EJRJ, Schonewille WJ, Vos JA. <i>Listed contact people</i>
English title	Basilar artery international cooperation study (BASICS) trial <i>Main title of trial as given in document (in sentence case)</i>
Original title	
Journal/book/source	www.basicstrial.com

	<i>Description of source where ongoing study located (e.g. website address)</i>
Date of publication	(accessed 1 June 2016) <i>Date above website accessed, given in brackets</i>

Scientific or technical report

Example: Akutsu T. Total heart replacement device. Bethesda (MD): National Institutes of Health, National Heart and Lung Institute; 1974 April. Report No.: NIH NHLI 69 2185 4.

Reference type	Other
Authors	Akutsu T
English title	Total heart replacement device
Journal/book/source	Bethesda (MD): National Institutes of Health, National Heart and Lung Institute; 1974 April. Report No.: NIH-NHLI-69-2185-4

Supplementary materials

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