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This table provides guidance on inserting references in the text in long-format Cochrane reviews. The study and reference IDs must be linked to the reference list.

Guidance	Correct	
Separate multiple citations with a semicolon.	(Caster 2023; Robb 2024)	(Caster
List multiple citations in alphabetical order. RevMan can reorder citations alphabetically via the Link function.	Alphabetical: (Bakri 2005a; Bakri 2005b; Davis 2003; Slinn 2011)	Chrono Bakri 2 Slinn 2
No 'and' before the final citation	(Brown 2021; Omari 2015; Preston 2018; Wu 2011)	(Brown Preston and Wu
Citations can be used as part of a sentence or placed in round brackets within the closest punctuation. Note: see below for single sentences containing multiple pieces of information	The study was successful (Robeson 1990).	The stu [Robes
	The study was successful (Griffin 1990); it confirmed previous findings (Howes 1995).	The stu succes confirm (Howes
	Williams 1991 reports the full details.	(William details.
Sentences that include multiple pieces of information supported by a number of citations should be structured so that it is clear to	Smith 1990 included children only, while Jones 1999 included adults only. or:	One tri children 1999) i

<p>which piece of information each citation refers.</p>	<p>One trial included children only (Smith 1990), while another included adults only (Jones 1999).</p>	
<p>Rephrase to avoid using 'et al.' in the text.</p>	<p>Wade and colleagues wrote that... The Wade study mentions...</p>	<p>Wade et al.</p>