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## References

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## Entering and citing references

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## References in Cochrane reviews

See the [RevMan Knowledge Base](#) for more information about references in the focused review format.

References are divided into two groups: 1) references to studies; and 2) additional references.

**References to studies** comprise included, excluded, and ongoing studies as well as studies awaiting classification. Each study:

- has a Study ID (usually made up of the last name of the first author plus the year) and a numerical reference;
- has one primary reference and may have one or more secondary references.

In the focused review format, it is possible to cite the primary study reference and secondary references individually (e.g. in the Background or Discussion sections). For information about how these citations will appear in the editable and read-only versions of the review see [RevMan Knowledge Base](#).

**Additional references** are those used in the Background, Methods or Discussion sections and include references to other published versions of the review, including the protocol. When cited, all additional references appear as numbers in the text.

## Entering references

### Reference fields

When references are entered manually in RevMan, different reference fields need to be completed (e.g. author(s), title, journal, page numbers etc.). Fields with bold headings are required, fields with greyed-out headings are optional. For guidance on content and presentation of the different reference fields, see the [Reference fields](#) section. Note that text formatting is applied to references entered in RevMan during the publishing process; for example, journal titles and book titles are converted to italic text on publication.

### Reference types

References can be typed in manually or [imported from files](#) generated by standard bibliographic software or from the Cochrane Register of Studies. It is preferable to use the importing method. Different types of references can be entered into RevMan. See [Overview of reference types](#).

For detailed examples of reference types and how to populate reference fields, see the [Reference types](#) section. If a reference does not fit into one of the available categories, select 'Other' and use the available fields in a way that gives an appropriately formatted reference. You can also refer to [Citing Medicine](#), the National Library of Medicine's guide for citing references, for other reference types, such as a patents, legal material, or journal articles with a retraction, comment, or erratum. See also [Differences between Cochrane and NLM style](#).

## Citing studies and references

All references must be linked to the text or tables at least once, or there will be a validation error.

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## Entering and citing references in focused-format reviews

In this section: [Citing studies](#) | [Citing study references](#) | [Citing additional references](#)

In the focused review format, citations in the editable views in RevMan (Default, Full text) are presented differently from the citations in the published review and read-only views (accessible via the Preview option in RevMan). **The information below explains how to enter references in the editable views so that they appear correctly in the finished review.**

- All references must be linked to the text or tables at least once, or there will be a validation error.
- References cited in the main article should be included in the reference list for the main article.
- Avoid citing references in supplementary materials only. If references are cited in a supplementary material only, the reference should be contained in that supplementary material.

See RevMan Knowledge Base: [References and citations](#) for more information.

Information about [citing references in long-format reviews](#) is available on a separate page.

### To cite studies in focused-format reviews

Select reference type 'Studies' to insert a primary study reference as a study ID (for included, excluded, and ongoing studies, and studies awaiting classification).

Use this option when you want to show the name of the study (i.e. study ID), in, for example, the Results section.

- **In the editable Default or Full-text view**, the study ID will appear in the text, hyperlinked to the study. You will need to add round brackets manually, where appropriate. Examples are shown in the table below.
- **In the published review and read-only views**, the first time a study is cited it appears in plain text (no hyperlink), followed by its numerical reference and all its secondary references (numerical references), which are hyperlinked to the reference list. The study ID is not linked from the text at any point. Subsequent citations of primary studies appear in plain text, with no numerical references, and are not linked.

You may wish to rewrite sentences in which studies are cited for the first time, bearing in mind that the insertion of the numerical secondary references on publication could interrupt the flow of the text for the reader.

Subsequent citations of primary references to studies **will not** be followed by numerical references linked to the reference list, so you may wish to cite a study's numerical reference instead, which will be linked to the reference list (See [Study references](#) below). For included studies, you may wish to use only numerical (linked) references in the main text of the review and cite the study IDs for the first time in the [Overview of included studies and synthesis table](#). This means that the study IDs will appear alongside numerical, linked references to their primary and secondary references in the table only.

Studies	Correct	Incorrect
<p>Study citations for primary study references sit inside round brackets, which need to be added manually by the authors.</p> <p>Separate multiple citations with a semicolon. RevMan automatically adds semicolons if you add multiple citations at the same time.</p>	(Gardner 2024; Robb 2021)	(Gardner 2024, Robb 2021) [Gardner 2024; Robb 2021]
<p>List multiple citations in alphabetical order.</p> <p>RevMan automatically arranges citations in alphabetical order if you add multiple citations at the same time.</p>	<b>Alphabetical:</b> (Bakri 2020a; Bakri 2020b; Davis 2023; Slinn 2021)	<b>Chronological:</b> (Bakri 2020a; Bakri 2020b; Slinn 2021; Davis 2023)

You can use RevMan to reorder manually inserted citations.		
No 'and' before the final citation	(Davis 2021; Omari 2018; Preston 2000; Ze 2019)	(Davis 2021; Omari 2018; Preston 2000; and Ze 2019)
Citations for primary studies can be used as part of a sentence or placed in round brackets <b>within the closest punctuation</b> .  Note: see below for single sentences containing multiple pieces of information	The study was successful (Robeson 2003).	The study was successful [Robeson 2003].
	The study was successful (Griffin 2008); it confirmed previous findings (Howes 2005).	The study (Griffin 2008) was successful; it confirmed previous findings (Howes 2005).
	Williams 2021 reports the full details.	(Williams 2021) reports the full details.
Sentences that include multiple pieces of information supported by a number of citations should be structured so that it is clear to which piece of information each citation refers.	Smith 2018 included adults only, while Jones 2019 included children only.  or:  One trial included adults only (Smith 2018), while another included children only (Jones 2019).	One trial (Smith 2018) included adults only, while another (Jones 2019) included children only.
Rephrase to avoid using 'et al.' in the text.	Royle and colleagues reported that...  The Royle study mentions...	Royle et al. reported that...

## To cite study references in focused-format reviews

Select reference type 'Study references' to insert a primary study numerical reference or secondary study references (all numerical) for included, excluded, and ongoing studies, or studies awaiting classification.

Use this option to cite a study, or one or more of its secondary references, as standalone, numerical references, for example:

- in the Background or Discussion sections;
- when you want to write – not link – the study name in a sentence and ensure it links to the reference list in the published review (via the numerical reference).

**In the editable Default or Full-text view**, citations for primary studies and secondary study references appear as numbers within square brackets, hyperlinked to the study.

RevMan automatically:

- adds square brackets;
- separates multiple citations with a comma if they are added at the same time;
- numbers the references in the order in which they are added to the review (**this order adjusts in the published and read-only versions**, see below).

Examples are shown in the table below.

**In the published review and read-only version** the numerical references appear in the text, within square brackets, hyperlinked to the reference list.

**Note:** the numbers for references differ between the editable view and the published and read-only view because RevMan reorders the references into the order in which they are cited in the review.

See RevMan Knowledge Base: [References and citations](#) for examples of differences between editable and read-only versions.

Study references	Correct	Incorrect
Place the citation at the end of a sentence or clause, <b>immediately before</b>	Evidence indicates that around 80% of people experience postoperative pain	Evidence [105] indicates that around 80% of people experience postoperative

<b>punctuation.</b>	[105].	pain.
Study references shouldn't be cited as part of a sentence - the citation must be placed appropriately in the text.	We were able to extract additional data from two secondary references [21, 7].	We were able to extract additional data from [21] and [7], two secondary references.
Don't use round brackets. RevMan automatically adds square brackets.	We extracted data from two secondary records [104, 105].	We extracted data from two secondary records ([104, 105]).
Separate multiple citations with a comma. RevMan automatically adds commas for multiple citations added at the same time.	Acute asthma exacerbations can be dependent on seasonal variation [23, 24].	Acute asthma exacerbations can be dependent on seasonal variation [23; 24].
Don't use a hyphen to indicate non-cited references in a sequence. Cite each one individually.	Smith 2020 had four secondary references [13, 14, 15, 16].	Smith 2020 had four secondary references [13-16].
No need to put citations in numerical order. RevMan reorders them automatically in read-only views.	We included four new studies in this update [45, 99, 58, 43].	We included four new studies in this update [43, 45, 58, 99].

## To cite additional references in focused-format reviews

Use this option to cite journal articles, handbooks, guidelines, websites, software and other versions of the review.

**In the editable Default or Full-text view**, citations for additional references appear as numbers, within square brackets, hyperlinked to the references.

RevMan automatically:

- adds square brackets;
- separates multiple citations with a comma if they are added at the same time;
- numbers the references in the order in which they are added to the review.

Examples are shown in the table below.

**In the published review and read-only version** additional references appear in the text within square brackets and are hyperlinked to the reference list. **The numbers for references differ between the editable view and the published and read-only view because RevMan reorders the references into the order in which they are cited in the review.**

See RevMan Knowledge Base: [References and citations](#) for examples of differences between editable and read-only versions.

<b>Additional references</b>	<b>Correct</b>	<b>Incorrect</b>
Place the citation at the end of a sentence or clause, <b>immediately before punctuation</b>	Since publication of the original protocol in 2009 [36], some methods have been updated.	Since publication of the original protocol [36] in 2009, some methods have been updated.
Additional references shouldn't be cited as part of a sentence - the citation must be placed appropriately in the text.	We created summary of findings tables with GRADEpro GDT software [17], and followed the guidelines provided in the <i>Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions</i> [3].	We created summary of findings tables with [17], and followed the guidelines provided in the [3].
Separate multiple citations with a comma. RevMan automatically adds commas for multiple citations added at the same time.	Acute pain after a surgical procedure may influence recovery and quality of life [25, 93, 91, 92].	Acute pain after a surgical procedure may influence recovery and quality of life ([25; 91; 92; 93]).

Don't use round brackets.		
No need to put citations in numerical order.		
Don't use a hyphen to indicate non-cited references in a sequence. Cite each one individually.	However, one downside to the use of intravitreal anti-VEGF agents for neovascular AMD is the substantial cost of medication for patients and healthcare systems worldwide [26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31].	However, one downside to the use of intravitreal anti-VEGF agents for neovascular AMD is the substantial cost of medication for patients and healthcare systems worldwide [26-31].

## Entering and citing references in long-format reviews

### To cite references in long-format reviews

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.	<b>Alphabetical:</b> (Bakri 2005a; Bakri 2005b; Davis 2003; Slinn 2011)	<b>Chron</b> 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.	The study was successful (Robeson 1990).	The stu [Robes

Note: see below for single sentences containing multiple pieces of information	The study was successful (Griffin 1990); it confirmed previous findings (Howes 1995).	The stu succes confirm (Howes
	Williams 1991 reports the full details.	(Willian details.
Sentences that include multiple pieces of information supported by a number of citations should be structured so that it is clear to which piece of information each citation refers.	Smith 1990 included children only, while Jones 1999 included adults only.  or:  One trial included children only (Smith 1990), while another included adults only (Jones 1999).	One tri children 1999) i
Rephrase to avoid using 'et al.' in the text.	Wade and colleagues wrote that...  The Wade study mentions...	Wade e

## Reference fields

References need to be entered into RevMan using the designated fields. Different reference types, such as journal articles and books, need information in different fields.

- Fields with bold headings: you must enter something in these fields; leaving required fields empty will result in a validation error.
- Fields with greyed-out headings: information in these fields is optional. If text is entered in the fields with greyed-out headings it will be displayed in the reference along with the required field. For example, the 'date accessed' for an internet reference. Leaving these fields empty will not result in any validation error or warning.

The table below has guidance on the correct way of entering information into the various reference fields in RevMan. RevMan

inserts punctuation at the appropriate locations in the formatted reference, so ensure that there is no full stop at the end of each reference field.

Field	Guidance	Correct	Incorrect
Study ID	Generally, preferred Cochrane format uses family name of first author and year of publication  Alternatively, if a trial is more widely known by an acronym, authors can use the format 'TRIALNAME YYYY'; use the year of publication of the primary reference for the trial.	Joyce 2023  RECOVERY 2021	—
	Two or more studies from the same author from the same year	Robson 2021a, Robson 2021b	Robson 2021 a, Robson 2021 b (space between year and letter)  Robson 2021, Robson 2021 a, (no letter with year)
Reference ID (for secondary references to studies and other references)	The 'working' reference ID is not visible in the published review, so it is acceptable to use any form of reference ID that is helpful for the authors while preparing the manuscript.	Handbook Chapter 8  PRISMA  Protocol  Smith 2020 sec ref 1	
Authors	List the first six authors before using 'et al'; precede 'et al' with a comma  Note: when entering authors in the Cochrane Register of Studies (CRS) all authors should be listed when possible.	Smith H, Tavender E, Klaes D, Hinds P, Remington T, Sparkes V, et al	Smith H, Tavender E, Klaes D, Hinds P, Remington T, Sparkes V, Moyes D, Bowen J, Suzuki M  Smith H, Tavender E et al
	No 'and' before the final	Smith H, Tavender E, Klaes D, Hinds P	Smith H, Tavender E, Klaes D, and Hinds P
	Authors' names should be written with the family name first, followed by one space and a maximum of two initials. There should be no full stops or spaces between initials, though they may be hyphenated where appropriate. Given names should not appear in full, but be restricted to an initial. Authors should be separated by a comma.  It is particularly important to	Schoenfeld KT, Belfield S, Miller PD	Schoenfeld KTM, Belfield Sean, Miller, P. D.



Field	Guidance	Correct	Incorrect
	<p>ensure that author names are entered accurately, as they are automatically processed by organizations that receive Cochrane content at publication.</p> <p>Note: see 'Family names' in the section on <a href="#">Names</a> for advice about Dutch and Chinese names, and designations of rank.</p>		
Committee/Working Group/Advisory Group etc. as authors	List personal authors as above (up to six followed by, 'et al'), then up to six groups followed by, 'et al', if there are more than six.	Fiander M, Royle E, Cracknell F, Mitchell D, Gonthier U, Smith J, et al, Cochrane Central Production Service, Working Group 2, Working Group 3, Working Group 4, Working Group 5, Working Group 6, et al	
English title (journal article)	<p>Sentence case: first letter of the first word in upper case; other words in lower case unless they are proper nouns or require an upper-case letter</p> <p>If the title includes a colon, the word after the colon should start with a lower-case letter unless it is a proper noun or requires an upper-case letter (e.g. <i>Epidemiology: Scotland a suitable microcosm?</i>).</p> <p>Do not use italics.</p>	<p>Antibiotics for treating infection</p> <p>The importance of vitamin A</p> <p>Implementing GRADE</p> <p>Vitamin D for preventing cancer: evidence and health beliefs</p> <p><i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> infection control in clinics</p>	<p>Antibiotics For Treating Infection.</p> <p>The importance of vitamin a</p> <p>Implementing Grade</p> <p>Vitamin D for preventing cancer: Evidence and health beliefs</p> <p><i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> infection control in clinics</p>
English title (book or dissertation)	<p>Write in full using title case (i.e. each substantive word starts with an upper-case letter).</p> <p>Note: titles of book chapters should be written in sentence case (i.e. first letter of the first word in upper case; other words in lower case unless they are proper nouns or require an upper-case letter).</p> <p>Do not use italics.</p>	<p>Sports Injuries and Their Treatment</p> <p><i>Staphylococcus aureus</i></p>	<p>Sports injuries and their treatment</p> <p><i>Staphylococcus aureus</i></p>
Original title	Include non-English title only if provided by the journal or database	—	—
Journal title	Write in full using title case (i.e. each substantive word starts with an upper-case letter). Follow Style Manual	<p>Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology</p> <p>PLOS One</p>	<p>J Pharm Pharmacol</p> <p>PLOS ONE</p> <p>PLoS One</p>

Field	Guidance	Correct	Incorrect
	<p>guidance rather than stylings proposed by the journals or its publisher.</p> <p>Note: enter journal names in regular text in the References section of RevMan, as they are italicized automatically when the review is published (however, use italics in the text of the review).</p>		
	<p>Do not include 'The' at the start of journal names.</p> <p>Journal titles sometimes change; use the title current at the time of publication (e.g. <i>British Medical Journal</i> changed to <i>BMJ</i> in 1988, then to <i>The BMJ</i> in 2014, although both <i>BMJ</i> and <i>The BMJ</i> are entered as 'BMJ').</p>	<p>Lancet</p> <p>Journal of Physiology</p>	<p>The Lancet</p> <p>The Journal of Physiology</p>
	<p>For non-English language journal titles, include an English translation in square brackets after the original title only if the translation is provided by the journal or database.</p>	<p>Zhonghua Yi Xue Za Zhi [Chinese Medical Journal]</p>	<p>Zhonghua Yi Xue Za Zhi (Chinese Medical Journal)</p>
Issue number	Complete for all reference types when available.	—	—
Page numbers	See examples	324-8, 556-60, 1093-8	324-28, 556-560, 1093-1098, and 1093-98
Identifiers	<p>Use of identifiers is optional (they may aid identification of the reference and allow a hyperlink from the reference to the article). Use of DOI generally is recommended, however, you should add the DOI for preprints and electronic publications ahead of print.</p> <p>Note: identifiers are not automatically included in the reference field slots provided in RevMan. When entering an identifier, authors must click on the 'Add Identifier' button below the reference fields input table and select the type of identifier wanted (i.e. PubMed, DOI, EMBASE, CENTRAL, or Other).</p>	—	—

Field	Guidance	Correct	Incorrect
DOI (type of identifier)	Include where provided	10.1002/14651858. CD004577.pub2	DOI: 10.1002/14651858. CD004577.pub2

## Reference types

In this section:

### Overview of reference types

#### Overview of reference types

This section provides information about how to insert the following reference types into RevMan.

<a href="#">Journal articles</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Standard</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Both personal authors and an organization as an author</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Organization as an author</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">No named author</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Not in English</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">In volume with supplement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">In issue with supplement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">In volume with part</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">In issue with part</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">In issue with no volume</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">In press</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Electronic publication ahead of print</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Preprint</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Cochrane publications</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Cochrane Review protocol</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cochrane Review</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Comment on a Cochrane Review</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cochrane Handbooks</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Chapter of a Cochrane Handbook</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cochrane Style Manual</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cochrane Style Essentials</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Conference proceedings</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Full conference proceedings as a journal supplement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Conference abstract as a journal supplement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Full conference proceedings not in a journal format</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Conference abstract not in a journal format</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Books, monographs, theses and dissertations</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">With personal author(s)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">With editor(s), compiler as author</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">With organization as author and publisher</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Chapter in an edited book</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Dissertation or thesis</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Websites</a>	
<a href="#">Software</a>	
<a href="#">Other</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Email message</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Letter</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Other (e.g. conversation)</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Unpublished data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Figure, table or appendix in a journal article</a></li> </ul>

- [Study listed in a trial register](#)
- [Ongoing study \(not listed in trial register\)](#)
- [Scientific or technical report](#)
- [Supplementary materials](#)

## Journal articles

**In this section:** [Standard](#) | [Both personal authors and an organization or group as an author](#) | [Organization or group as an author](#) | [Personal authors writing on behalf of an organization or group](#) | [No named author](#) | [Not in English](#) | [In volume with supplement](#) | [In issue with supplement](#) | [In volume with part](#) | [In issue with part](#) | [In issue with no volume](#) | [In press and submitted](#) | [Electronic publication ahead of print](#) | [Preprint](#) | [Copublished articles](#)

### Standard

**Example with page numbers:** 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.

Reference type	Journal article
<b>Authors</b>	Osrin D, Vaidya A, Shrestha Y, Baniya RB, Manandhar DS, Adhikari RK, et al
<b>English title</b>	Effects of antenatal multiple micronutrient supplementation on birthweight and gestational duration in Nepal: double-blind, randomised controlled trial
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Lancet
<b>Date of publication</b>	2005
<b>Volume</b>	365
<b>Issue</b>	9463
<b>Pages</b>	955-62

**Example with article number:** Chadwick G, Varaganam M, Brand C, Riley SA, Maynard N, Crosby T, et al. Coding of Barrett's oesophagus with high-grade dysplasia in national administrative databases: a population-based cohort study. *BMJ Open* 2017;7:e014281.

Reference type	Journal article
<b>Authors</b>	Chadwick G, Varaganam M, Brand C, Riley SA, Maynard N, Crosby T, et al
<b>English title</b>	Coding of Barrett's oesophagus with high-grade dysplasia in national administrative databases: a population-based cohort study
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	BMJ Open
<b>Date of publication</b>	2017
<b>Volume</b>	7
<b>Issue</b>	
<b>Pages</b>	e014281

## Both personal authors and an organization or group as an author

**Example:** Brodie MJ, Perucca E, Ryvlin P, Ben-Menachem E, Meencke HJ; Levetiracetam Monotherapy Study Group. Comparison of levetiracetam and controlled-release carbamazepine in newly diagnosed epilepsy. *Neurology* 2007;68(6):402-8.

<b>Reference type</b>	Journal article
<b>Authors</b>	Brodie MJ, Perucca E, Ryvlin P, Ben-Menachem E, Meencke HJ; Levetiracetam Monotherapy Study Group  Note: organization separated from authors by a semi-colon
<b>English title</b>	Comparison of levetiracetam and controlled-release carbamazepine in newly diagnosed epilepsy
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	<i>Neurology</i>
<b>Date of publication</b>	2007
<b>Volume</b>	68
<b>Issue</b>	6
<b>Pages</b>	402-8

## Personal authors writing on behalf of an organization or group

**Example:** Zhang W-H, Deneux-Tharoux C, Brocklehurst P, Juszczak E, Joslin M, Alexander S, on behalf of the EUPHRATES Group. Effect of a collector bag for measurement of postpartum blood loss after vaginal delivery: cluster randomised trial in 13 European countries. *BMJ* 2010;340:c293.

<b>Reference type</b>	Journal article
<b>Authors</b>	Zhang W-H, Deneux-Tharoux C, Brocklehurst P, Juszczak E, Joslin M, Alexander S, on behalf of the EUPHRATES Group  Note: organization separated from authors by a comma. If more than six authors, put 'et al, ' after the sixth author, followed by 'on behalf of [organization name]'
<b>English title</b>	Effect of a collector bag for measurement of postpartum blood loss after vaginal delivery: cluster randomised trial in 13 European countries
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	<i>BMJ</i>
<b>Date of publication</b>	2010
<b>Volume</b>	340
<b>Issue</b>	
<b>Pages</b>	c293

## Organization or group as an author

**Example:** GRADE Working Group. Grading quality of evidence and strength of recommendations. *BMJ* 2004; 328:1490-4.

<b>Reference type</b>	Journal article
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<b>Authors</b>	GRADE Working Group
<b>English title</b>	Grading quality of evidence and strength of recommendations
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	BMJ
<b>Date of publication</b>	2004
<b>Volume</b>	328
<b>Issue</b>	
<b>Pages</b>	1490-4

### No named author

**Example:** Naltrexone: new preparation. Transient preventive efficacy on alcoholic relapse. Prescrire International 1999;8(39):9-11.

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>English title</b>	Naltrexone: new preparation. Transient preventive efficacy on alcoholic relapse
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Prescrire International
<b>Date of publication</b>	1999
<b>Volume</b>	8
<b>Issue</b>	39
<b>Pages</b>	9-11

### Not in English (Latin alphabet)

**Example:** Abadie V, Depondt E, Bresson JL, Vidailhet M. Recommended dietary allowances for pregnant women affected with phenylketonuria [Recommandations diététiques pour les femmes enceintes atteintes de phénylcétonurie]. Archives de Pédiatrie 2001;8(4):397-406.

<b>Reference type</b>	Journal article
<b>Authors</b>	Abadie V, Depondt E, Bresson JL, Vidailhet M
<b>English title</b>	Recommended dietary allowances for pregnant women affected with phenylketonuria  Note: leave this section blank if an English translation is not available.  Note: do not include the language of the original article at the end of the title.
<b>Original title</b>	Recommandations diététiques pour les femmes enceintes atteintes de phénylcétonurie
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<b>Volume</b>	8
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<b>Pages</b>	194-8

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**Example:** Oertel J, Gaab MR, Runge U, Schroeder HW, Piek J. Waterjet dissection versus ultrasonic aspiration in epilepsy surgery. *Neurology* 2005;56(1 Suppl 1):142-6.

<b>Reference type</b>	Journal article
<b>Authors</b>	Oertel J, Gaab MR, Runge U, Schroeder HW, Piek J
<b>English title</b>	Waterjet dissection versus ultrasonic aspiration in epilepsy surgery
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Neurosurgery
<b>Date of publication</b>	2005
<b>Volume</b>	56
<b>Issue</b>	1 Suppl 1
<b>Pages</b>	142-6

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**Example:** Hanly C. Metaphysics and innateness: a psycho-analytic perspective. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis* 1988;69(Pt 3):389-99.

<b>Reference type</b>	Journal article
<b>Authors</b>	Hanly C
<b>English title</b>	Metaphysics and innateness: a psycho-analytic perspective
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<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology
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<b>English title</b>	Effect of Sahaja yoga practice on seizure control & EEG changes in patients of epilepsy
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<b>Reference type</b>	Cochrane protocol
<b>Authors</b>	Ranganathan LN, Ramaratnam S
<b>English title</b>	Zonisamide monotherapy for epilepsy  Note: do not add the word '[Protocol]' because the software enters this automatically.
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<b>Date of publication</b>	2007
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<b>Identifier - DOI</b>	10.1002/14651858.CD006789  Note: the CD number is included in the DOI and does not need to be repeated.

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**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.

<b>Reference type</b>	Cochrane review
<b>Authors</b>	Herbert RD, de Noronha M, Kamper SJ
<b>English title</b>	Stretching to prevent or reduce muscle soreness after exercise
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
<b>Date of publication</b>	2011
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<b>Date of Publication</b>	12 March 2018

## Protocol under development

**Example:** Smith B. Anti-fibrotic therapies for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and other fibrotic interstitial lung diseases. Protocol under development. To be published in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews: <https://www.cochrane.library.com>.

Reference ID	Smith 2024
<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Smith B
<b>English title</b>	Anti-fibrotic therapies for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and other fibrotic interstitial lung diseases
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Protocol under development. To be published in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews: <a href="https://www.cochrane.library.com">https://www.cochrane.library.com</a>
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<b>Reference type</b>	Cochrane review
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<b>English title</b>	Preoperative statin therapy for patients undergoing cardiac surgery [withdrawn 2016]
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
<b>Date of publication</b>	2016
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**Example:** Cochrane Evidence Production and Methods Directorate. Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource (updated 27 October 2022). <https://documentation.cochrane.org/display/EPPR/Appeals+policy%3A+editorial+management> (accessed 9 August 2023).

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See [How to cite](#).

## Conference proceedings

In this section: [Full conference proceedings as a journal supplement](#) | [Conference abstract as a journal supplement](#) | [Full conference proceedings not in a journal format](#) | [Conference abstract not in a journal format](#)

### Full conference proceedings as a journal supplement

**Example:** American Thoracic Society. American Thoracic Society 2013 International Conference, 2013 May 17-22; Philadelphia (PA). American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine 2013;187(Meeting Abstracts).

<b>Reference type</b>	Journal article  Note: do not use 'Conference proceedings' as Reference type in this instance.
<b>Authors</b>	American Thoracic Society
<b>English title</b>	American Thoracic Society 2013 International Conference, 2013 May 17-22; Philadelphia (PA)
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine
<b>Date of publication</b>	2013
<b>Volume</b>	187
<b>Issue</b>	Meeting Abstracts

### Conference abstract as a journal supplement

**Example** Egnatios J, Frankwich KA, Kenyon ML, Rutledge T, Liao PS, Gupta S, et al. Nutrigenetic-guided dietary intervention and weight loss: a randomized controlled feasibility trial. Gastroenterology 2015;148(4 Suppl 1):S11.

<b>Reference type</b>	Journal article  Note: do not use 'Conference proceedings' as Reference type in this instance.
<b>Authors</b>	Egnatios J, Frankwich KA, Kenyon ML, Rutledge T, Liao PS, Gupta S, et al
<b>English title</b>	Nutrigenetic-guided dietary intervention and weight loss: a randomized controlled feasibility trial
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Gastroenterology
<b>Date of publication</b>	2015
<b>Volume</b>	148
<b>Issue</b>	4 Suppl 1
<b>Pages</b>	S11

### Full conference proceedings not in journal format

Example: Vivian VL, editor(s). Child abuse and neglect: a medical community response. First AMA National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect; 1984 Mar 30-31; Chicago (IL). Chicago (IL): American Medical Association, 1985.

<b>Reference type</b>	Conference proceedings
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<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Child abuse and neglect: a medical community response. First AMA National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect; 1984 Mar 30-31; Chicago (IL)  <i>Title of the proceedings book (if there is a separate title). Conference title; date the conference took place in the format YYYY MM DD-DD; place of conference</i>  Note: do not add 'Proceedings of', or similar, before conference name.
<b>Date of publication</b>	1985  <i>Year the proceedings book/issue was published</i>
<b>Editor(s)</b>	Vivian VL
<b>Publisher name</b>	American Medical Association
<b>City of publication</b>	Chicago (IL)  <i>City where the proceedings book/issue was published. If online, enter the URL of publication.</i>

### Conference abstract not in journal format

**Example:** Harley NH. Comparing radon daughter dosimetric and risk models. In: Gammage RB, Kaye SV, editor(s). Indoor air and human health. Seventh Life Sciences Symposium; 1984 Oct 29-31; Knoxville (TN). Chelsea (MI): Lewis, 1985:69-78.

<b>Reference type</b>	Conference proceedings
<b>Authors</b>	Harley NH
<b>English title</b>	Comparing radon daughter dosimetric and risk models  <i>Title of the conference paper</i>
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Indoor air and human health. Seventh Life Sciences Symposium; 1984 Oct 29-31; Knoxville (TN)  <i>Title of the proceedings book (if there is one). Conference title; date the conference took place in the format YYYY MM DD-DD; place of conference</i>  Note: do not add 'Proceedings of', or similar, before conference name.
<b>Date of publication</b>	1985
<b>Pages</b>	69-78
<b>Editor(s)</b>	Gammage RB, Kaye SV
<b>Publisher name</b>	Lewis
<b>City of publication</b>	Chelsea (MI)  <i>City where the proceedings book/issue was published. If online, enter the URL of publication.</i>
<b>Identifier - Other</b>	Note: if an abstract number is available, add it as an identifier.

### Books, monographs, theses

In this section: [With personal author\(s\)](#) | [With editor\(s\), compiler as author](#) | [With organization as author and publisher](#) | [Chapter in an edited book](#) | [Dissertation or thesis](#)

For books published in the USA or Canada follow the city of publication with the two-letter abbreviation for the state or province. For books published in other countries, follow the city of publication with the name of the country. Use the anglicized form of city names, e.g. 'Vienna' not 'Wien'. For more information about place names see [Citing Medicine: General rules for place of publication](#).

If a book has been assigned an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) that number may be inserted into the 'Other ID' field. Begin with 'ISBN' followed by a space then the number, ignoring all hyphens in the number, e.g. 'ISBN 9780071463898'.

### > With personal author(s)

**Example:** Colson JH, Armour WJ. *Sports Injuries and Their Treatment*. 2nd edition. London (UK): Stanley Paul, 1986.

<b>Reference type</b>	Book
<b>Authors</b>	Colson JH, Armour WJ
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Sports Injuries and Their Treatment
<b>Date of publication</b>	1986
<b>Edition</b>	2nd
<b>Publisher name</b>	Stanley Paul
<b>City of publication</b>	London (UK)

### With editor(s), compiler as author

**Example:** Diener HC, Wilkinson M, editor(s). *Drug Induced Headache*. New York (NY): Springer-Verlag, 1988.

<b>Reference type</b>	Book
<b>Authors</b>	Diener HC, Wilkinson M, editor(s)
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Drug-Induced Headache
<b>Date of publication</b>	1988
<b>Publisher name</b>	Springer-Verlag
<b>City of publication</b>	New York (NY)

### With organization as author and publisher

**Example:** Virginia Law Foundation. *The Medical and Legal Implications of AIDS*. Charlottesville (VA): The Foundation, 1987.

<b>Reference type</b>	Book
<b>Authors</b>	Virginia Law Foundation
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	The Medical and Legal Implications of AIDS
<b>Date of publication</b>	1987
<b>Publisher name</b>	The Foundation
<b>City of publication</b>	Charlottesville (VA)

### Chapter in an edited book

**Example:** Weinstein L, Swartz MN. Pathologic properties of invading microorganisms. In: Sodeman WA Jr, Sodeman WA, editor(s). *Pathologic Physiology: Mechanisms of Disease*. 5th edition. Philadelphia (PA): Saunders, 1974:457-72.

<b>Reference type</b>	Section of book
<b>Authors</b>	Weinstein L, Swartz MN
<b>English title</b>	Pathologic properties of invading microorganisms
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Pathologic Physiology: Mechanisms of Disease
<b>Date of publication</b>	1974
<b>Edition</b>	5th
<b>Pages</b>	457-72
<b>Editor(s)</b>	Sodeman WA Jr, Sodeman WA
<b>Publisher name</b>	Saunders
<b>City of publication</b>	Philadelphia (PA)

## Dissertation or thesis

**Example:** Hayden C. *Towards an Understanding of the Role of Cranial Osteopathy in the Treatment of Infantile Colic [Masters thesis]*. Maidstone (UK): European School of Osteopathy, 2007.

<b>Reference type</b>	Book
<b>Authors</b>	Hayden C
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Towards an Understanding of the Role of Cranial Osteopathy in the Treatment of Infantile Colic [Masters thesis]
<b>Date of publication</b>	2007
<b>Publisher name</b>	European School of Osteopathy
<b>City of publication</b>	Maidstone (UK)

## Internet references

When citing a website, consider whether the reference is a 'dynamic' web page that may be updated intermittently or a dated publication posted on a web page. The former type needs an 'accessed' date so that the citation reflects the state of the website at the time it was referred to. The Reference ID in such cases will usually be the year of the access date. For dated publications (e.g. reports) hosted on websites, there is no access date needed, and the Reference ID will include the year of the publication date. See also: [Scientific or technical reports](#).

### General guidance

- When writing the URL, always include the preceding 'http://' or 'https://'.
- If the date of access is unknown, use '(accessed prior to DD Month YYYY)' using the date on which the review is being edited.
- Try to keep URLs as short as possible; it is often possible to trim characters from the end. Aim for the simplest version of the URL that delivers the page being cited. Check that the URL works before submitting.

**Example:** World Health Organization. Occupational health. <https://www.who.int/health-topics/occupational-health> (accessed 29 May 2024).

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Reference ID	WHO 2024
Reference type	Other
Authors	World Health Organization
English title	Occupational health
Journal/book/source	<a href="https://www.who.int/health-topics/occupational-health">https://www.who.int/health-topics/occupational-health</a>
Date of publication	(accessed 29 May 2024)

**Example:** Wikipedia. Archie Cochrane. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archie\\_Cochrane](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archie_Cochrane) (accessed 29 May 2024).

Reference ID	Wikipedia 2019
Reference type	Other
Authors	Wikipedia
English title	Archie Cochrane
Journal/book/source	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archie_Cochrane">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archie_Cochrane</a>
Date of publication	(accessed 29 May 2024)

**Example:** World Health Organization. Case study: managing the public health impact of chemical incidents in the Republic of Korea; November 2023. Available at <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WPR-2023-ACE-002>

Reference ID	WHO 2023
Reference type	Other
Authors	World Health Organization
English title	Case study: managing the public health impact of chemical incidents in the Republic of Korea; November 2023
Journal/book/source	Available at <a href="https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WPR-2023-ACE-002">https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WPR-2023-ACE-002</a>
Date of publication	

## Software

In this section: [RevMan](#) | [RevMan 5](#) | [GRADEpro GDT](#) | [Covidence](#) | [R](#) | [Stata](#) | [Microsoft Excel](#)

- When writing the URL, always include the preceding 'http://' or 'https://'.

### RevMan

**Example:** Review Manager (RevMan) [Computer program]. Version 7.2.0. The Cochrane Collaboration, 2024. Available at [revman.cochrane.org](http://revman.cochrane.org).

**Note:** use the most up-to-date version number (edition) and date. Check the RevMan Help Menu: Help > About. Details are

available in the [RevMan Knowledge Base](#).

<b>Reference ID</b>	RevMan 2024
<b>Reference type</b>	Computer program
<b>English title</b>	Review Manager (RevMan)
<b>Date of publication</b>	2024
<b>Edition</b>	7.12.0
<b>Publisher name</b>	The Cochrane Collaboration
<b>Medium</b>	Available at <a href="https://revman.cochrane.org">https://revman.cochrane.org</a>

## RevMan 5

**Example:** Review Manager 5 (RevMan 5) [Computer program]. Version 5.4. Copenhagen: The Cochrane Collaboration, 2020.

**Note:** RevMan 5 is no longer supported by Cochrane.

<b>Reference ID</b>	Review Manager 2020
<b>Reference type</b>	Computer program
<b>English title</b>	Review Manager 5 (RevMan 5)
<b>Date of publication</b>	2020
<b>Edition</b>	5.4
<b>Publisher name</b>	The Cochrane Collaboration
<b>City of publication</b>	Copenhagen

## GRADEpro GDT

**Example:** GRADEpro GDT [Computer program]. Version accessed 6 August 2023. Hamilton (ON): McMaster University (developed by Evidence Prime). Available at [gradepro.org](http://gradepro.org).

<b>Reference type</b>	Computer program
<b>English title</b>	GRADEpro GDT
<b>Date of publication</b>	2023  Note: this should be the same year as the date accessed in the field below.
<b>Edition</b>	accessed 6 August 2023  Note: when computer programs are browser-based and do not have an explicit version number, supply an accessed date instead of a version number.  Note: do not add 'Version' in Edition field; it is added automatically
<b>Publisher name</b>	McMaster University (developed by Evidence Prime)

<b>City of publication</b>	Hamilton (ON)
<b>Medium</b>	Available at <a href="https://www.gradeopro.org">https://www.gradeopro.org</a>

## Covidence

**Example:** Covidence [Computer program]. Version accessed 10 January 2023. Melbourne, Australia: Veritas Health Innovation. Available at [covidence.org](https://covidence.org).

<b>Reference type</b>	Computer program
<b>English title</b>	Covidence
<b>Date of publication</b>	2023  Note: this should be the same year as the date accessed in the field below.
<b>Edition</b>	accessed 10 January 2023  Note: when computer programs are browser-based and do not have an explicit version number, supply an accessed date instead of a version number.  Note: do not add 'Version' in Edition field; it is added automatically
<b>Publisher name</b>	Veritas Health Innovation
<b>City of publication</b>	Melbourne, Australia
<b>Medium</b>	Available at <a href="https://www.covidence.org">https://www.covidence.org</a>

## R

**Example:** R: A language and environment for statistical computing [Computer program]. Version 4.3.3. Vienna, Austria: R Foundation for Statistical Computing, 2024. Available at <https://www.r-project.org>.

<b>Reference type</b>	Computer program
<b>English title</b>	R: A language and environment for statistical computing
<b>Date of publication</b>	2024
<b>Edition</b>	4.3.3
<b>Publisher name</b>	R Foundation for Statistical Computing
<b>City of publication</b>	Vienna, Austria
<b>Medium</b>	Available at <a href="https://www.r-project.org">https://www.r-project.org</a>

## Stata

**Example:** Stata [Computer program]. Version 15. College Station, TX, USA: StataCorp, 2024. Available from [www.stata.com](http://www.stata.com).

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<b>Reference type</b>	Computer program
<b>English title</b>	Stata
<b>Date of publication</b>	2023
<b>Edition</b>	18
<b>Publisher name</b>	StataCorp
<b>City of publication</b>	College Station, TX, USA
<b>Medium</b>	Available from <a href="https://www.stata.com">https://www.stata.com</a>

## Microsoft Excel

**Example:** Microsoft Excel [Computer program]. Version 2405. Microsoft Corporation, 2024. Available from <https://office.microsoft.com/excel>.

<b>Reference type</b>	Computer program
<b>English title</b>	Microsoft Excel
<b>Date of publication</b>	2024
<b>Edition</b>	2405
<b>Publisher name</b>	Microsoft Corporation
<b>City of publication</b>	
<b>Medium</b>	Available from <a href="https://office.microsoft.com/excel">https://office.microsoft.com/excel</a>

## Other reference types

**In this section: Personal communication:** [email message](#); [letter](#); [other \(e.g. conversation\)](#) | [Unpublished data](#) | [Figure, table or appendix in a journal article](#) | [Study listed in a trial register](#) | [Ongoing study \(not listed in trial register\)](#) | [Scientific or technical report](#) | [Supplementary materials](#) | [Epub ahead of print](#) | [Preprint](#)

- When writing the URL, always include the preceding 'http://' or 'https://'.

### Personal communication: email message

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

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

	<i>Date email sent</i>
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### 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.

<b>Reference ID</b>	Smith 2009 [pers comm]
<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Smith A. (Vaccine Research Group, London, UK) <i>Letter author (letter author's affiliation)</i>
<b>English title</b>	[personal communication]
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Letter to: C Keystone (Vaccine Review Study Team, London, UK) <i>Letter recipient (letter recipient's affiliation)</i>
<b>Date of publication</b>	27 November 2009 <i>Date letter sent</i>
<b>Volume</b>	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.

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

<b>Reference type</b>	Unpublished data
<b>Authors</b>	UK/Asia trialists
<b>English title</b>	Individual patient data (as supplied 1 April 1995)
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	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.

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Osrin D, Vaidya A, Shrestha Y, Baniya RB, Manandhar DS, Adhikari RK, et al
<b>English title</b>	Effects of antenatal multiple micronutrient supplementation on birthweight and gestational duration in Nepal: double-blind, randomised controlled trial
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	<i>Lancet</i>
<b>Date of publication</b>	2005
<b>Volume</b>	365
<b>Issue</b>	9463
<b>Pages</b>	955-62. Figure, Trial profile; p. 958

### 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](http://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT00119132) (first received 10 August 2005).

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Study ID</b>	NCT00119132 <i>Trial registration number</i>
<b>Authors</b>	NCT00119132 <i>Trial registration number</i>
<b>English title</b>	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>
<b>Original title</b>	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>
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	https://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT00119132 <i>Website address showing trial registration form</i>
<b>Date of publication</b>	(first posted 10 August 2005) <i>Date the study record was first posted to or registered with the trials register (if possible, use the wording used by 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).

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

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

### Supplementary materials

Supplementary materials could refer to data or other resources that are published as part of an article (so would have the same authors, date, and underlying source, but would be designated as supplementary material) or could refer to accompanying or linked materials (with different authors, title, date, etc). Therefore, when citing supplementary materials consider whether the materials are

presented as part of the main article or as work that has been published independently from the main article.

For supplementary materials that are part of an article, cite the article as usual, but add the section name/number and title of the supplementary materials to the end of the reference. For further guidance and examples, refer to [Citing Medicine: examples of citations to parts of journal articles](#).

For supplementary materials that are independent of the article, locate the primary source for the supplementary material and cite according to the [reference type](#).

## Electronic publication ahead of print

**Example:** Feldman RD, Zou GY, Vandervoort MK, Wong CJ, Nelson SA, Feagan BG. A simplified approach to the treatment of uncomplicated hypertension. A cluster randomized, controlled trial. *Hypertension* 2009 Feb 23 [Epub ahead of print]. [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1161/HYPERTENSIONAHA.108.123455>]

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Feldman RD, Zou GY, Vandervoort MK, Wong CJ, Nelson SA, Feagan BG
<b>English title</b>	A simplified approach to the treatment of uncomplicated hypertension. A cluster randomized, controlled trial.
<b>Original title</b>	
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Hypertension
<b>Date of publication</b>	2009 Feb 23 [Epub ahead of print]
<b>Identifier: DOI</b>	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1161/HYPERTENSIONAHA.108.123455">https://doi.org/10.1161/HYPERTENSIONAHA.108.123455</a> Note: it is highly desirable to have a DOI for e-publications.

## Preprint

**Example:** Blanchard AC, Desforges M, Labbé AC, Nguyen CT, Petit Y, Besner D, et al. Evaluation of real-life use of Point-of-Care Rapid Antigen TEsting for SARS-CoV-2 in schools (EPOCRATES). *MedRxiv* 2022 [Preprint]. [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021/10.13.21264960>]

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Blanchard AC, Desforges M, Labbé AC, Nguyen CT, Petit Y, Besner D, et al
<b>English title</b>	Evaluation of real-life use of Point-of-Care Rapid Antigen TEsting for SARS-CoV-2 in schools (EPOCRATES)
<b>Original title</b>	
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	MedRxiv
<b>Date of publication</b>	2022 [Preprint]
<b>Identifier: DOI</b>	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1101/2021/10.13.21264960">https://doi.org/10.1101/2021/10.13.21264960</a> Note: it is highly desirable to have a DOI for e-publications.

## Differences between Cochrane and NLM style

In this section: [Overview](#) | [Reference types](#) | [Reference fields](#) | [Formatting differences](#) | [Useful sections in Citing Medicine](#)

## Overview

The US National Library of Medicine (NLM)'s [Citing Medicine](#) is a useful resource that covers a wide range of referencing specificities. It is largely compatible with Cochrane style.

For certain [reference types](#), [reference fields](#), and [formatting details](#), Cochrane style differs from *Citing Medicine*, and authors should stick to recommendations in the Cochrane Style Manual. These differences are listed below.

There are some [useful sections in Citing Medicine](#) that may be helpful for handling non-standard reference types or other aspects not specified by the Cochrane Style Manual.

## Reference types

Reference types for which authors should follow the Cochrane Style Manual regardless of recommendations from *Citing Medicine*:

- Cochrane documents;
- letters, emails, and personal communication;
- computer programs;
- ongoing studies;
- publications on the Internet.

## Reference fields

This table gives details of reference fields for which authors should follow Cochrane Style Manual regardless of recommendations from *Citing Medicine*.

	Cochrane Style Manual (correct)	<i>Citing Medicine</i> (incorrect)
<b>Authors</b>	<p>Only the first six should be listed, and followed by 'et al' as described in <a href="#">Reference fields</a>.</p> <p>Note: when entering information in the Cochrane Register of Studies (CRS), it is preferable to enter as many authors as possible.</p>	<i>Citing Medicine</i> asks for all authors to be listed.
<b>Date of publication</b>	<p>When entering a date in RevMan, include only the year of publication for most references types.</p> <p>Note: except for conference proceedings event dates, newspaper articles, websites correspondence and electronic journal publications ahead of print.</p> <p>Note: when entering references in the Cochrane Register of Studies (CRS), month - and even day of publication - can be entered when available.</p>	<i>Citing Medicine</i> recommends including the month and day of the publication date.
	In Cochrane Reviews and protocols, only write '(in press)' without writing the expected date of publication.	When a study is in press, <i>Citing Medicine</i> recommends writing the publication date as 'forthcoming YYYY' where YYYY is the year of expected publication.
	If the article is an electronic publication	For publications that are published, but

	<b>Cochrane Style Manual (correct)</b>	<b>Citing Medicine (incorrect)</b>
	ahead of print, add the date of electronic publication followed by '[Epub ahead of print]'. If the article is now fully published, do not add '[Epub ahead of print]' and simply enter the year the article was published.	were available online before publication (i.e. electronic publication (Epub)), <i>Citing Medicine</i> recommends writing both the date of electronic publication and the full date of publication.
<b>City and country of publication</b>	Write country names in full, except for countries listed in the table <a href="#">Common abbreviations that do not need to be defined</a> (i.e. UK, USA).	<i>Citing Medicine</i> permits country names to be written in full (e.g. Germany), or international abbreviations to be used (e.g. DE).
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## Formatting differences

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	<b>Cochrane Style Manual (correct)</b>	<b>Citing Medicine (incorrect)</b>
Edition and editors of books	editor(s) editor(s)	editor editors
	edition	ed.
Punctuation between year of publication and journal or publisher	Oxford University Press, 2013	Oxford University Press; 2013
	Lancet 2012;377:783-4	Lancet. 2012;377:783-4
Page numbers in book chapters and conference proceedings	Oxford University Press, 2013:21-30	Oxford University Press; 2013. p. 21-30
Presentation of original and translated titles in non-English articles	New nifedipine preparation makes single daily dose possible [Neue Nifedipin-Zubereitung ermöglicht tagliche Einmalgabe]. Fortschritte der Medizin 1997;115(33):54.	Neue Nifedipin-Zubereitung ermöglicht tagliche Einmalgabe [New nifedipine preparation makes single daily dose possible]. Fortschr Med. 1997;115(33):54. German.

## Useful sections in *Citing Medicine*

This table lists some useful sections in *Citing Medicine* that offer additional guidance.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary of <i>Citing Medicine</i> guidance</b>	<b><i>Citing Medicine</i> sections</b>
Citing websites without titles	If no title can be determined, construct a title with the first words present on the page.	<a href="#">Chapter 25. Web sites. Box 15: Determining the title</a>
Missing page numbers	In general for online journals, use the pagination written on the PDF article including any added letter (e.g. 1-18 or e34-7). For missing page numbers, count the average number of pages or screens, and place the number in square brackets followed by 'p.' (e.g. [3 p.]).	<a href="#">Chapter 23. Journals on the Internet. Location (Pagination) for Journal Articles on the Internet</a>  <a href="#">Chapter 23. Journals on the Internet. Box 54. No numbers appear on the pages of the article</a>  <a href="#">Chapter 25. Web sites. Box 83. No page</a>

		<a href="#">numbers appear on the pages of the part)</a>
Journal with changing names (e.g. <i>British Medical Journal</i> to <i>BMJ</i> )	Use the name of the journal at the time of the first publication of the article cited (e.g. write ' <i>British Medical Journal</i> ' for a paper of 1983, but ' <i>BMJ</i> ' for a paper of 2013).  Note: do not abbreviate the journal titles. See section on <a href="#">reference fields</a> above and the general section on <a href="#">Reference fields</a> .	<a href="#">Chapter 1. Journal Titles for Journal Articles</a>
Ambiguities with names and surnames	Capitalize surnames according to how they appear in the original article cited.	<a href="#">Chapter 1. Journals. Author for Journal Title</a>  <a href="#">Chapter 1. Journals. Box 1. Surnames with hyphens and other punctuation in them</a>  <a href="#">Chapter 1. Journals. Box 3. Given names containing punctuation, a prefix, a preposition, or particle</a>  <a href="#">Chapter 1. Journals. Box 5. Designations of rank in a family, such as Jr and III</a>
Citing references with errata or articles that have been retracted	Add the phrases 'Erratum in:', 'Erratum for:', 'Retraction in:', or 'Retraction of:', depending on the case, and follow it by 'Name of the journal YYYY; volume(issue):pages'. All this information should be entered in the 'Pages' reference field in RevMan.	<a href="#">Chapter 1. Journals. Box 58. Errata</a>  <a href="#">Chapter 1. Journals. Box 59. Retractions</a>
Discontinuous page numbering	Write the ranges of the pagination of the article, separated by a comma. If there are more than three ranges, follow the third page range by the mention 'passim' (e.g. '3, 6-8', but '1-3, 6, 8-15 passim').	<a href="#">Chapter 1. Journals. Box 53. Discontinuous page numbers</a>
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