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Reference types

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Overview of reference types

Overview of reference types

This section provides information about how to insert the following reference types into Review Manager 5 (RevMan 5).

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| Journal articles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard • Both personal authors and an organization as an author • Organization as an author • 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 • Electronic publication ahead of print |
| Cochrane publications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cochrane Review protocol • Cochrane Review • Comment on a Cochrane Review • Cochrane Handbooks • Chapter of a Cochrane Handbook • Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource • Cochrane Style Manual |
| Conference proceedings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
| Books, monographs, theses and dissertations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With personal author(s) • With editor(s), compiler as author • With organization as author and publisher • Chapter in an edited book • Dissertation or thesis |
| Websites | |
| Software | |
| Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Email message ◦ Letter ◦ Other (e.g. conversation) • Unpublished data • Figure, table or appendix in a journal article • Study listed in a trial register • Ongoing study (not listed in trial register) • Scientific or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 |

Journal articles

In this section: [Standard](#) | [Both personal authors and an organization as an author](#) | [Organization as an author](#) | [Personal authors writing on behalf of an organization](#) | [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](#) | [Electronic publication ahead of print](#)

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.

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| Reference type | Journal article |
| 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 | Lancet |
| Date of publication | 2005 |
| Volume | 365 |
| Issue | 9463 |
| Pages | 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.

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

Both personal authors and an organization 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.

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| Reference type | Journal article |
| Authors | Brodie MJ, Perucca E, Ryvlin P, Ben-Menachem E, Meencke |

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| | HJ; Levetiracetam Monotherapy Study Group Note: organization separated from authors by a semi-colon |
| English title | Comparison of levetiracetam and controlled-release carbamazepine in newly diagnosed epilepsy |
| Journal/book/source | Neurology |
| Date of publication | 2007 |
| Volume | 68 |
| Issue | 6 |
| Pages | 402-8 |

Personal authors writing on behalf of an organization

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.

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| Reference type | Journal article |
| Authors | 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]' |
| English title | Effect of a collector bag for measurement of postpartum blood loss after vaginal delivery: cluster randomised trial in 13 European countries |
| Journal/book/source | BMJ |
| Date of publication | 2010 |
| Volume | 340 |
| Issue | |
| Pages | c293 |

Organization as an author

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

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| Reference type | Journal article |
| Authors | GRADE Working Group |
| English title | Grading quality of evidence and strength of recommendations |
| Journal/book/source | BMJ |
| Date of publication | 2004 |
| Volume | 328 |

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| Issue | |
| Pages | 1490-4 |

No named author

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

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

Not in English

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.

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| Reference type | Journal article |
| Authors | Abadie V, Depondt E, Bresson JL, Vidailhet M |
| English title | 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. |
| Original title | Recommandations diététiques pour les femmes enceintes atteintes de phénylcétonurie |
| Journal/book/source | <i>Archives de Pédiatrie</i> |
| Date of publication | 2001 |
| Volume | 8 |
| Issue | 4 |
| Pages | 397-406 |

NOTE: for references in languages that use a non-Latin alphabet, e.g. Chinese or Russian, all fields must be completed in Romanized transliteration and not in the original script, as in the example below.

Example: Jia CL, Jiang GS, Yang XX, Dou HQ, Li CR. Effects on *Helicobacter pylori* reinfection in gastric mucosa by two oral plaque control methods. *Huaxi Kongqiang Yixue Zazhi [West China Journal of Stomatology]* 2009;27(2):172-4.

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| Reference type | Journal article |
| Authors | Jia CL, Jiang GS, Yang XX, Dou HQ, Li CR |
| English title | Effects on Helicobacter pylori reinfection in gastric mucosa by two oral plaque control methods. Note: do not include the language of the original article at the end of the title. |
| Original title | Note: leave this section blank if the original title is not available. |
| Journal/book/source | Huaxi Kongqiang Yixue Zazhi [West China Journal of Stomatology] |
| Date of publication | 2009 |
| Volume | 27 |
| Issue | 2 |
| Pages | 172-4 |

In volume with supplement

Example: Bowman CM. The long-term use of inhaled tobramycin in patients with cystic fibrosis. Journal of Cystic Fibrosis 2002; 1 Suppl 2:194-8.

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| Reference type | Journal article |
| Authors | Bowman CM |
| English title | The long-term use of inhaled tobramycin in patients with cystic fibrosis |
| Journal/book/source | Journal of Cystic Fibrosis |
| Date of publication | 2002 |
| Volume | 1 Suppl 2 |
| Pages | 194-8 |

In issue with supplement

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.

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

In volume with part

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

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| Reference type | Journal article |
| Authors | Hanly C |
| English title | Metaphysics and innateness: a psycho-analytic perspective |
| Journal/book/source | International Journal of Psychoanalysis |
| Date of publication | 1988 |
| Volume | 69 |
| Issue | Pt 3 |
| Pages | 389-99 |

In issue with part

Example: Edwards L, Meyskens F, Levine N. Effect of oral iso-tretinoin on dysplastic nevi. Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology 1989;20(2 Pt 1):257-60.

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| Reference type | Journal article |
| Authors | Edwards L, Meyskens F, Levine N |
| English title | Effect of oral iso-tretinoin on dysplastic nevi |
| Journal/book/source | Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology |
| Date of publication | 1989 |
| Volume | 20 |
| Issue | 2 Pt 1 |
| Pages | 257-60 |

In issue with no volume

Example: Panjwani U, Selvamurthy W, Singh SH, Gupta HL, Thakur L, Rai UC. Effect of Sahaja yoga practice on seizure control & EEG changes in patients of epilepsy. Indian Journal of Medical Research 1996;(103):165-72.

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| Reference type | Journal article |
| Authors | Panjwani U, Selvamurthy W, Singh SH, Gupta HL, Thakur L, Rai UC |
| English title | Effect of Sahaja yoga practice on seizure control & EEG changes in patients of epilepsy |
| Journal/book/source | Indian Journal of Medical Research |
| Date of publication | 1996 |
| Volume | (103) |

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| Pages | 165-72 |
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In press

Example: Johnson AB, Smith CD. A review of treatments for chronic disorders. Journal of Medicine (in press).

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| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | Johnson AB, Smith CD |
| English title | A review of treatments for chronic disorders |
| Journal/book/source | Journal of Medicine |
| Date of publication | (in press) |

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: 10.1161/HYPERTENSIONAHA.108.123455]

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

Cochrane publications

In this section: [Protocol](#) | [Cochrane Review](#) | [Comment on a Cochrane Review](#) | [Editorial](#) | [Handbooks](#) | [Handbook chapter](#) | [Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource](#) | [Cochrane Style Manual](#)

Protocol for a Cochrane Review

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.

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| Reference type | Cochrane Protocol |
| Authors | Ranganathan LN, Ramaratnam S |
| English title | Zonisamide monotherapy for epilepsy Note: do not add the word '[Protocol]' because the software enters this automatically. |
| Journal/book/source | Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews |
| Date of publication | 2007 |

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| Issue | 4 |
| Identifier - DOI | 10.1002/14651858.CD006789 Note: the CD number is included in the DOI and does not need to be repeated. |

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.

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|----------------------------|--|
| 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 Note: the CD number is included in the DOI and does not need to be repeated. |

Comment on a Cochrane Review, Protocol or Editorial

All published comments on articles in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* have a unique URL that can be used to cite the comment. The comment URL can be found by accessing the full text of the comment on the Cochrane Library and then copying the URL that is displayed by the browser.

Example: Cosmi E, Belli P, Montisci M. Comment on: Fundal pressure during the second stage of labour. 12 March 2018. www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD006067.pub3/detailed-comment/en?messageId=167119701

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| Reference type | Correspondence |
| Authors | Cosmi E, Belli P, Montisci M |
| English title | Comment on: Fundal pressure during the second stage of labour |
| Journal/book/source | www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD006067.pub3/detailed-comment/en?messageId=167119701 |
| Date of Publication | 12 March 2018 |

Editorial

Editorials published on the Cochrane Library are part of the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*.

Example: Moons KG, Hooft L, Williams K, Hayden JA, Damen JA, Riley RD. Implementing systematic reviews of prognosis studies in Cochrane [Editorial]. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2007, Issue 10. Art. No.: CD006789. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006789.

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| Reference type | Cochrane review |
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| 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 |
| Date of publication | 2018 |
| Issue | 10 |
| Identifier - DOI | 10.1002/14651858.ED000129 Note: the ED number is included in the DOI and does not need to be repeated. |

Handbooks

NOTE: it is expected that a full new version of the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions (version 6) will be published in book form and online in the autumn of 2019, and this page will be updated accordingly then. In the meantime, if authors cite the whole Handbook, they should cite the 2011 online version, or in very rare situations, the 2008 book, examples of which are shown below.

Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions online version 2011

Note: make sure to use the reference type 'Other', and not 'Book' or 'Section of book'.

Example: Higgins JP, Green S, editor(s). Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions Version 5.1.0 (updated March 2011). The Cochrane Collaboration, 2011. Available from handbook.cochrane.org.

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| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | Higgins JP, Green S, editor(s) |
| English title | Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions Version 5.1.0 (updated March 2011). The Cochrane Collaboration, 2011 |
| Journal/book/source | Available from handbook.cochrane.org |

Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions book version 2008

Note: the book version of the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions has been replaced by a more current version online. We are keeping the book version in the style manual for historical reasons, but make sure to cite the version used.

Example: Higgins JP, Green S, editor(s). Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions. Chichester (UK): John Wiley & Sons, 2008.

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| Reference type | Book |
| Authors | Higgins JP, Green S, editor(s) |
| English title | Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions |
| Date of publication | 2008 |
| Publisher name | John Wiley & Sons |
| City of publication | Chichester (UK) |

Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Diagnostic Test Accuracy

Note: make sure to use the reference type 'Other', and not 'Book' or 'Section of book'.

Example: Deeks JJ, Bossuyt PM, Gatsonis C, editor(s). Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Diagnostic Test Accuracy Version 1.0.0. The Cochrane Collaboration, 2013. Available from srda.cochrane.org.

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|----------------------------|--|
| Reference type | Other |
| 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 |
| Journal/book/source | Available from srda.cochrane.org |

GRADE Handbook

Example: Schünemann H, Brożek J, Guyatt G, Oxman A, editor(s). Handbook for grading the quality of evidence and the strength of recommendations using the GRADE approach (updated October 2013). GRADE Working Group, 2013. Available from gdt.guidelinedevelopment.org/app/handbook/handbook.html

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| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | Schünemann H, Brożek J, Guyatt G, Oxman A, editor(s) |
| 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 |
| Journal/book/source | Available from gdt.guidelinedevelopment.org/app/handbook/handbook.html |

Handbook chapters

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Updated in 2017: Chapter of the Cochrane Handbook of Systematic Reviews of Interventions with authors: online version

Note: make sure to use the reference type 'Other', and not 'Book' or 'Section of book'.

Example: Schünemann HJ, Oxman AD, Higgins JP, Vist GE, Glasziou P, Akl E, et al; on behalf of the Cochrane GRADEing Methods Group and the Cochrane Statistical Methods Group. Chapter 11: Completing 'Summary of findings' tables and grading the confidence in or quality of the evidence. In: Higgins JP, Churchill R, Chandler J, Cumpston MS, editor(s), Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions version 5.2.0 (updated June 2017). The Cochrane Collaboration, 2017. Available from www.training.cochrane.org/handbook.

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| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | Schünemann HJ, Oxman AD, Higgins JP, Vist GE, Glasziou P, Akl E, et al; on behalf of the Cochrane GRADEing Methods Group and the Cochrane Statistical Methods Group |
| English title | Chapter 11: Completing 'Summary of findings' tables and grading the confidence in or quality of the evidence. In: Higgins JP, Churchill R, Chandler J, Cumpston MS, editor(s), Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions version 5.2.0 (updated June 2017). The Cochrane Collaboration, 2017 |

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| Journal/book/source | Available from www.training.cochrane.org/handbook |
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Updated in 2011: Chapter of the *Cochrane Handbook of Systematic Reviews of Interventions* with authors: online version

Note: make sure to use the reference type 'Other', and not 'Book' or 'Section of book'.

Example: Lefebvre C, Manheimer E, Glanville J. Chapter 6: Searching for studies. In: Higgins JP, Green S, editor(s). *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* Version 5.1.0 (updated March 2011). The Cochrane Collaboration, 2011. Available from handbook.cochrane.org.

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| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | Lefebvre C, Manheimer E, Glanville J |
| English title | Chapter 6: Searching for studies. In: Higgins JP, Green S, editor(s). <i>Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions</i> Version 5.1.0 (updated March 2011). The Cochrane Collaboration, 2011 |
| Journal/book/source | Available from handbook.cochrane.org |

Chapter of the *Cochrane Handbook of Systematic Reviews of Interventions* with authors: book version

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Example: Lefebvre C, Manheimer E, Glanville J. Chapter 6: Searching for studies. In: Higgins JP, Green S, editor(s). *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions*. Chichester (UK): John Wiley & Sons, 2008:95-150.

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| Reference type | Section of book |
| Authors | Lefebvre C, Manheimer E, Glanville J |
| English title | Chapter 6: Searching for studies |
| Journal/book/source | <i>Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions</i> |
| Date of publication | 2008 |
| Pages | 95-150 |
| Editor(s) | Higgins JP, Green S |
| Publisher name | John Wiley & Sons |
| City of publication | Chichester (UK) |

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Note: make sure to use the reference type 'Other', and not 'Book' or 'Section of book'.

Example: Higgins JP, Altman DG, Sterne JA, editor(s). Chapter 8: Assessing risk of bias in included studies. In: Higgins JP, Churchill R, Chandler J, Cumpston MS, editor(s), *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* version 5.2.0 (updated June 2017). The Cochrane Collaboration, 2017. Available from www.training.cochrane.org/handbook.

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| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | Higgins JP, Altman DG, Sterne JA, editor(s) |
| English title | Chapter 8: Assessing risk of bias in included studies. In: Higgins JP, Churchill R, Chandler J, Cumpston MS, editor(s), <i>Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions</i> version 5.2.0 (updated June 2017). The Cochrane |

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| | Collaboration, 2017 |
| Journal/book/source | Available from www.training.cochrane.org/handbook |

Updated in 2011: Chapter of *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* with editors: online version

Note: make sure to use the reference type 'Other', and not 'Book' or 'Section of book'.

Example: O'Connor D, Green S, Higgins JP, editor(s). Chapter 5: Defining the review question and developing criteria for including studies. In: Higgins JP, Green S, editor(s). *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* Version 5.1.0 (updated March 2011). The Cochrane Collaboration, 2011. Available from handbook.cochrane.org.

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| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | O'Connor D, Green S, Higgins JP, editor(s) |
| English title | Chapter 5: Defining the review question and developing criteria for including studies. In: Higgins JP, Green S, editor(s). <i>Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions</i> Version 5.1.0 (updated March 2011). The Cochrane Collaboration, 2011 |
| Journal/book/source | Available from handbook.cochrane.org |

Chapter of *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* with editors: book version

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| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | O'Connor D, Green S, Higgins JP, editor(s) |
| English title | Chapter 5: Defining the review question and developing criteria for including studies |
| Journal/book/source | <i>Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions</i> |
| Date of publication | 2008 |
| Pages | 84-94 |
| Editor(s) | Higgins JP, Green S |
| Publisher name | John Wiley & Sons |
| City of publication | Chichester (UK) |

Chapter of the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Diagnostic Test Accuracy*

Note: make sure to use the reference type 'Other', and not 'Book' or 'Section of book'.

Example: Deeks JJ, Wisniewski S, Davenport C, editor(s). Chapter 4: Guide to the contents of a Cochrane Diagnostic Test Accuracy Protocol. In: Deeks JJ, Bossuyt PM, Gatsonis C, editor(s). *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Diagnostic Test Accuracy* Version 1.1. The Cochrane Collaboration, 2013. Available from methods.cochrane.org/sdt/handbook-dta-reviews.

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| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | Deeks JJ, Wisniewski S, Davenport C, editor(s) |
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| English title | Chapter 4: Guide to the contents of a Cochrane Diagnostic Test Accuracy Protocol. In: Deeks JJ, Bossuyt PM, Gatsonis C, editor(s). Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Diagnostic Test Accuracy Version 1.1. The Cochrane Collaboration, 2013 |
| Journal/book/source | Available from methods.cochrane.org/sdt/handbook-dta-reviews |

Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource

Note: this can be entered in RevMan 5 by using the reference type 'Other' and pasting the full reference in the 'English Title' field. Make sure to update the access date.

Example: Cochrane Editorial and Methods Department. Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Resource. community.cochrane.org/editorial-and-publishing-policy-resource (accessed on 9 May 2018).

Example: Cochrane Editorial and Methods Department. Permission to re-use material from the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Resource (updated 18 June 2018). community.cochrane.org/editorial-and-publishing-policy-resource/cochrane-review-management/cochrane-peer-review-policy (accessed on 9 August 2018).

Cochrane Style Manual and Style Basics

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Conference proceedings

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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).

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

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

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| Reference type | Conference proceedings |
| Journal/book/source | 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. |
| Date of publication | 1985 <i>Year the proceedings book/issue was published</i> |
| Editor(s) | Vivian VL |
| Publisher name | American Medical Association |
| City of publication | 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.

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| Reference type | Conference proceedings |
| Authors | Harley NH |
| English title | Comparing radon daughter dosimetric and risk models <i>Title of the conference paper</i> |

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| Journal/book/source | 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. |
| Date of publication | 1985 |
| Pages | 69-78 |
| Editor(s) | Gammage RB, Kaye SV |
| Publisher name | Lewis |
| City of publication | Chelsea (MI) <i>City where the proceedings book/issue was published. If online, enter the URL of publication.</i> |
| Identifier - Other | Note: if an abstract number is available, add it as an identifier. |

Books, monographs, theses

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With personal author(s)

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

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

With editor(s), compiler as author

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

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| Reference type | Book |
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| Authors | Diener HC, Wilkinson M, editor(s) |
| Journal/book/source | Drug-Induced Headache |
| Date of publication | 1988 |
| Publisher name | Springer-Verlag |
| City of publication | 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.

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| Reference type | Book |
| Authors | Virginia Law Foundation |
| Journal/book/source | The Medical and Legal Implications of AIDS |
| Date of publication | 1987 |
| Publisher name | The Foundation |
| City of publication | 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.

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

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| Reference type | Book |
| Authors | Hayden C |
| Journal/book/source | Towards an Understanding of the Role of Cranial Osteopathy in the Treatment of Infantile Colic [Masters thesis] |

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| Date of publication | 2007 |
| Publisher name | European School of Osteopathy |
| City of publication | 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](#).

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- If the date of access is unknown, use '(accessed prior to DD Month YYYY)' using the date on which the review is being edited.
- 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.

Example: World Health Organization. Occupational health. www.who.int/occupational_health (accessed 10 February 2019).

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| Reference ID | WHO 2019 |
| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | World Health Organization |
| English title | Occupational health |
| Journal/book/source | www.who.int/occupational_health |
| Date of publication | (accessed 10 February 2019) |

Example: Wikipedia. Archie Cochrane. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archie_Cochrane (accessed 1 March 2019).

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| Reference ID | Wikipedia 2019 |
| Reference type | Other |
| Authors | Wikipedia |
| English title | Archie Cochrane |
| Journal/book/source | en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archie_Cochrane |
| Date of publication | (accessed 1 March 2019) |

Example: World Health Organization. Workers' health: global plan of action; May 2007. Available at www.who.int/occupational_health/publications/global_plan/en

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| Reference ID | WHO 2007 |
| Reference type | Other |
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| Authors | World Health Organization |
| English title | Workers' health: global plan of action; May 2007 |
| Journal/book/source | Available at www.who.int/occupational_health/publications/global_plan/en |
| Date of publication | |

Software

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

RevMan

Example: Review Manager 5 (RevMan 5) [Computer program]. Version 5.3. Copenhagen: Nordic Cochrane Centre, The Cochrane Collaboration, 2014.

Note: although we now refer to 'Review Manager 5' and 'RevMan 5' in text, the reference ID that should be used for this program remains 'Review Manager 2014'.

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| Reference type | Computer program |
| English title | Review Manager 5 (RevMan 5) |
| Date of publication | 2014 |
| Edition | 5.3 |
| Publisher name | Nordic Cochrane Centre, The Cochrane Collaboration |
| City of publication | Copenhagen |

GRADEpro GDT

Example: GRADEpro GDT [Computer program]. Version accessed 6 August 2016. Hamilton (ON): McMaster University (developed by Evidence Prime), 2015. Available at gradepro.org.

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| Reference type | Computer program |
| English title | GRADEpro GDT |
| Date of publication | 2015 |
| Edition | accessed 6 August 2016 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 |
| Publisher name | McMaster University (developed by Evidence Prime) |
| City of publication | Hamilton (ON) |
| Medium | Available at gradepro.org |

Covidence

Example: Covidence [Computer program]. Version accessed 10 January 2017. Melbourne, Australia: Veritas Health Innovation. Available at covidence.org.

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| Reference type | Computer program |
| English title | Covidence |
| Date of publication | |
| Edition | accessed 10 January 2017 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 |
| Publisher name | Veritas Health Innovation |
| City of publication | Melbourne, Australia |
| Medium | Available at covidence.org |

R

Example: R: A language and environment for statistical computing [Computer program]. Version 3.4.2. Vienna, Austria: R Foundation for Statistical Computing, 2017. Available at www.R-project.org.

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| Reference type | Computer program |
| English title | R: A language and environment for statistical computing |
| Date of publication | 2017 |
| Edition | 3.4.2 |
| Publisher name | R Foundation for Statistical Computing |
| City of publication | Vienna, Austria |
| Medium | Available at www.R-project.org |

Stata

Example: Stata [Computer program]. Version 15. College Station, TX, USA: StataCorp, 2017. Available from www.stata.com.

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| Reference type | Computer program |
| English title | Stata |
| Date of publication | 2017 |
| Edition | 15 |
| Publisher name | StataCorp |
| City of publication | College Station, TX, USA |

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| Medium | Available at www.stata.com |
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Other reference types

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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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 | Lancet |
| Date of publication | 2005 |

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| Volume | 365 |
| Issue | 9463 |
| Pages | 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 (first received 10 August 2005).

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| 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 first received' for the registry record</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).

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| 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> |
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| 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.

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| 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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