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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.

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
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.

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
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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

Registered title

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Reference ID	Teoh 2019
Reference type	Other
Authors	Teoh A
English title	Anti-fibrotic therapies for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and other fibrotic interstitial lung diseases [title]
Journal/book/source	www.cochrane.org/title/anti-fibrotic-therapies-idiopathic-pulmonary-fibrosis-and-other-fibrotic-interstitial-lung-diseases
Date of publication	Registered on 11 January 2019

Editorial

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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.

Reference type	Cochrane review
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

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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

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Date of publication	2008
Publisher name	John Wiley & Sons
City of publication	Chichester (UK)

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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 srdata.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

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
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Handbook chapters

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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	Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions
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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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). Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions Version 5.1.0 (updated March 2011). The Cochrane Collaboration, 2011
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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	Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions
Date of publication	2008
Pages	84-94
Editor(s)	Higgins JP, Green S
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