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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
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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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	https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD006067.pub3/detailed-comment/en?messageId=167119701
Date of Publication	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
Reference type	Other
Authors	Smith B
English title	Anti-fibrotic therapies for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and other fibrotic interstitial lung diseases
Journal/book/source	Protocol under development. To be published in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews: https://www.cochrane.library.com
Date of publication	

Withdrawn Cochrane review

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Reference type	Cochrane review
Authors	Kuhn EW, Slottosch I, Wahlers T, Liakopoulos OJ
English title	Preoperative statin therapy for patients undergoing cardiac surgery [withdrawn 2016]
Journal/book/source	Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
Date of publication	2016
Issue	5
Identifier - DOI	10.1002/14651858.CD008493.pub4

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Reference type	Cochrane review
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English title	Unlocking the power of global collaboration: building a stronger evidence ecosystem together [Editorial]
Journal/book/source	Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
Date of publication	2024
Issue	4
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Reference type	Book
Authors	Higgins JP, Thomas J, Chandler J, Cumpston M, Li T, Page MJ, Welch VA, editor(s)
English title	Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions
Date of publication	2019
Edition	2nd
Publisher name	John Wiley & Sons
City of publication	Chichester (UK)

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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
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Reference type	Other
Authors	Deeks JJ, Bossuyt PM, Leeflang MM, Takwoingi Y, editor(s)
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English title	Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Diagnostic Test Accuracy
Date of publication	2023
Edition	1st
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Reference type	Other
Authors	Schünemann H, Brožek 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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English title	Chapter 4: Searching for and selecting studies
Journal/book/source	<i>Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions</i>
Date of publication	2019
Pages	67-108
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Edition	2nd
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