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Appendix 1. List of journals with agreements to publish summaries of Cochrane Reviews in another journal or resource (e.g. a ‘Cochrane Corner’)

The journals listed below have all signed agreements with John Wiley & Sons Ltd. to publish summaries/commentaries of Cochrane Reviews.

- BMJ Shortcuts
- Clinical Otolaryngology
- Stroke

Appendix 2. Permission to co-publish an abridged version of a Cochrane Review in a journal: form

This form has four sections to be completed by the authors (section 1), the Cochrane Review Group (section 2), the Cochrane Editorial Unit (section 3), and the publishers of *The Cochrane Library*, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. (section 4). [Download the form](#) as a Word document (version from 3 November 2011).

Appendix 3. List of journals with Cochrane co-publication agreements

The journals listed below have all signed Cochrane co-publication agreements and are either specialty titles or regional titles. Authors who wish to co-publish an abridged version of a Cochrane Review in one of these journals after publication in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* should complete the ‘Permission to co-publish’ form ([Appendix 2](#)) and send it to the Cochrane Review Group’s (CRG’s) Managing Editor. The CRG can grant permission to the author and need not refer the case to the Cochrane Editorial Unit (CEU) (although in some circumstances they may wish to consult the CEU for specific guidance). In any case the CRG should ensure that the CEU receives a copy of all ‘permission to co-publish’ forms; send to ceu@cochrane.org and ensure that the subject line of your email clearly states “Co-publication query”.

- Advances in Psychiatry Treatment
- American Journal of Gastroenterology
- Anesthesia and Analgesia
- Archives of Dermatology
- British Journal of Dermatology
- British Journal of Surgery
- British Medical Journal
- BMJ Publishing Group’s specialist journals (All)
- Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene
- Canadian Medical Association Journal
- Cancer Treatment Review
- Climacteric
- Cochlear Implants International
- Colorectal Disease
- Diabetic Medicine
- Diseases of the Colon and Rectum
- European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery
- Health Education Journal
- Human Reproduction
- HNO
- International Journal of Epidemiology

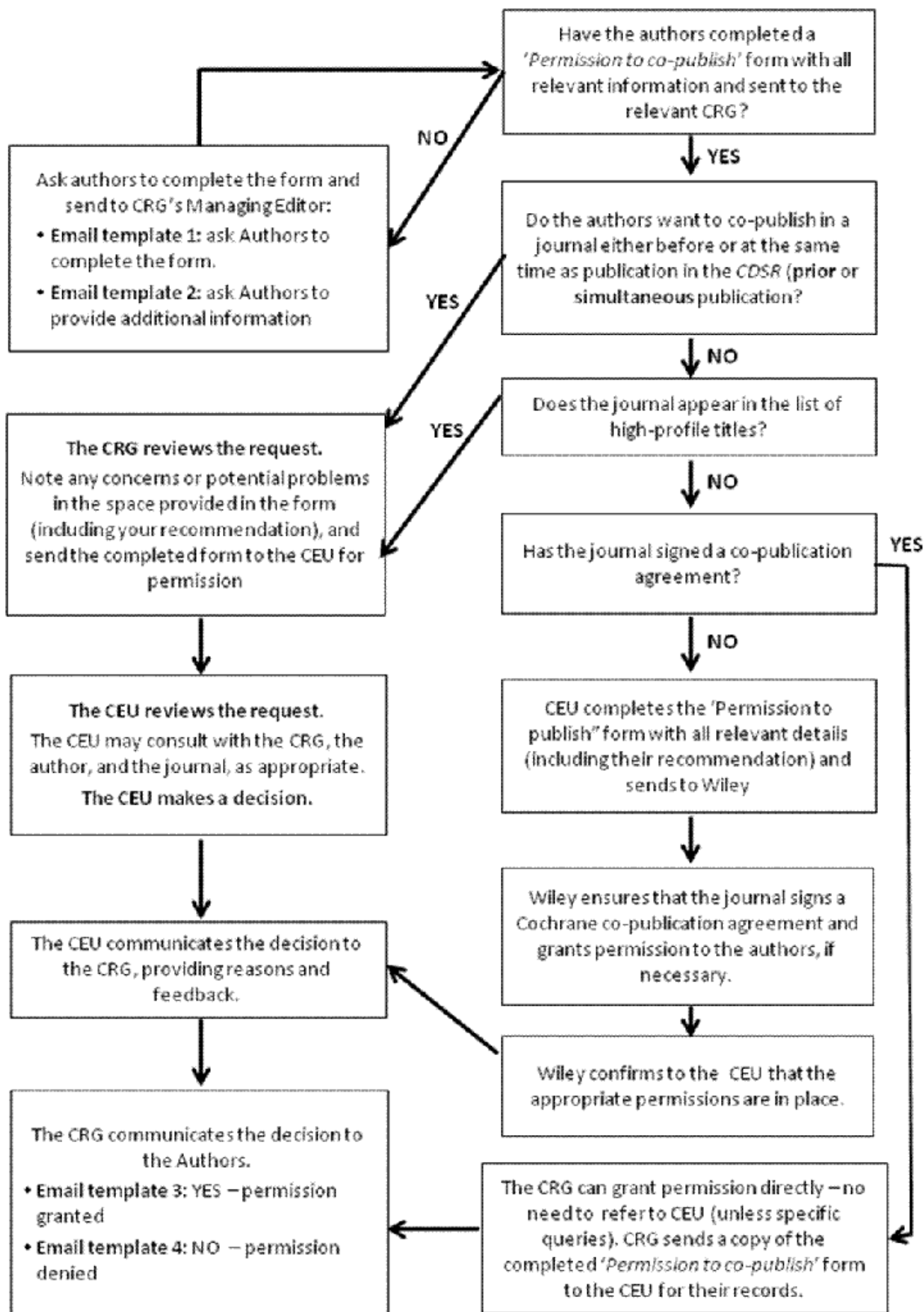
- International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology
- JAMA
- Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology
- Journal of Audiological Medicine
- Journal of General Internal Medicine
- Journal of Health Services Research and Policy
- Journal of Human Hypertension
- Journal of Laryngology and Otology
- Journal of the National Cancer Institute
- Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry
- Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health
- Journal of Rheumatology
- Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Pediatric Anesthesia
- Saudi Medical Journal
- South African Medical Journal
- Spine

Appendix 4. List of high-profile journals

Authors who wish to co-publish an abridged version of a Cochrane Review in one of these journals should complete the 'Permission to co-publish' form ([Appendix 2](#)) and send it to the Managing Editor of their Cochrane Review Group (CRG). The CRG will always refer the request to the Cochrane Editorial Unit for permission, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

- New England Journal of Medicine
- The Lancet
- JAMA
- Annals of Internal Medicine
- BMJ
- PLoS Medicine
- Annual Review of Medicine
- Archives of Internal Medicine
- Canadian Medical Association Journal
- Journal of Internal Medicine

Appendix 5. Workflow for co-publishing Cochrane Reviews (including updates) in other journals



[Download the workflow chart](#) as PDF.

CDSR: *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*; CEU: Cochrane Editorial Unit; CRG: Cochrane Review Group

Appendix 6. Templates: Correspondence between Cochrane Review Group and author

Templates available:

- [Request author to complete the 'Permission to co-publish' form](#)
- [Request author to provide additional information in the 'Permission to co-publish' form](#)
- [Permission to co-publish a Cochrane Review in a journal is granted](#)
- [Permission to co-publish in a journal is denied](#)

Request author to complete the 'Permission to co-publish' form

Dear [insert name],

Thank you for requesting permission to co-publish your Cochrane Review entitled "[insert title]" ("[insert CD number]") in the journal [insert journal title]. To collect all necessary information, please complete Section 1 of the 'Permission to co-publish' form (available from [insert website address]/attached to this email) with as much information as possible and return to me at the address below. The Cochrane co-publication policy can be found in the Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource (<http://www.cochrane.org/editorial-and-publishing-policy-resource>); you will find it useful to familiarize yourself with this document before completing the 'Permission to co-publish' form. Also, as part of this form you will be asked to confirm that you agree to adhere to all requirements for co-publication, as outlined in the co-publication policy in the Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource.

If you have any queries about this process, please contact me at the address below.

Best wishes

[Insert name, Managing Editor, Cochrane [insert] Review Group]

[Insert address and contact details]

Request author to provide additional information in the 'Permission to co-publish' form

Dear [insert name],

Thank you for submitting the permission to co-publish form for your Cochrane Review entitled "[insert title]" ("[insert CD number]") in the journal [insert journal title]. Before we can consider your request, please answer the questions below, providing as much detail as possible.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

You should insert your answers into the "Authors' comments" section of your completed 'Permission to co-publish' form, which is attached to this email.

The Cochrane co-publication policy can be found in the Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource (<http://cochrane.org/editorial-and-publishing-policy-resource>). You will find it useful to familiarize yourself with this document before completing the 'Permission to co-publish' form. Also, as part of this form you will be asked to confirm that you agree to adhere to all requirements for co-publication, as outlined in the co-publication policy in the Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource.

If you have any queries about this process, please contact me at the address below.

Best wishes

[Insert name, Managing Editor, Cochrane [insert] Review Group]

[Insert address and contact details]

Permission to co-publish a Cochrane Review in a journal is granted

Dear [insert name],

Thank you for requesting permission to co-publish your Cochrane Review entitled “[insert title]” (“[insert CD number]”) in the journal [insert journal title].

I am pleased to be able to tell you that permission to co-publish has been granted, subject to adherence to the points outlined below. The journal has also agreed to adhere to these criteria:

When submitting an abridged version of a Cochrane Review to a journal (or enquiring about submission in the case of prior or simultaneous publication), the author must make a complete statement to the journal editor to say that the article is based on a Cochrane Review (published or in progress), which might be regarded as redundant or duplicate publication.

The journal version must faithfully reflect the data and interpretations of the Cochrane version. Where journal editing and peer review results in differences in the data or interpretation, these should be discussed with the Cochrane Review Group and, where appropriate, incorporated into an update of the Cochrane Review at the next available opportunity with appropriate acknowledgement to the journal’s peer reviewers/editors.

The title of the journal version should indicate that it is a secondary publication (complete republication, abridged republication, complete translation, or abridged translation) of the Cochrane Review, preferably by including ‘Cochrane Review’ or ‘Cochrane Systematic Review’ in the title.

The support of the Cochrane Review Group in publishing the Cochrane Review should be acknowledged in an appropriate place in the journal version (e.g. in the Acknowledgements section).

The Cochrane Review must be cited in the text and reference list of the journal version.

A footnote should be placed on the title page of the journal version to inform readers and documenting agencies that the paper has been published previously, either in whole or in part, citing the primary publication (the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*); for example: “This article is based on a Cochrane Review published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* (CDSR) YYYY, Issue X, DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00xxxx (see www.thecochranelibrary.com for information). Cochrane Reviews are regularly updated as new evidence emerges and in response to feedback, and the CDSR should be consulted for the most recent version of the review.”

The Cochrane Review published in the CDSR should reference the journal version in the section ‘Other published versions of this review’ as soon as possible after publication of the journal version or when in press.

Please send a copy of the journal version of your article to me upon publication and, in the meantime, do come back to me if you have any queries about this process.

Best wishes

[Insert name, Managing Editor, Cochrane [insert] Review Group]

[Insert address and contact details]

Permission to co-publish in a journal is denied

Dear [insert name],

Thank you for requesting permission to co-publish your Cochrane Review entitled “[insert title]” (“[insert CD number]”) in the journal

[insert journal title].

Unfortunately, we are unwilling to grant you permission to co-publish this Cochrane Review.

This decision was reached in consultation with the Editor in Chief of *The Cochrane Library*, and the reasons for this decision are outlined below:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Do come back to me if you have any queries about this process.

Best wishes

[Insert name, Managing Editor, Cochrane [insert] Review Group]

[Insert address and contact details]

Appendix 7. Template: Co-publication agreement for journals

For information only; Wiley will administer all co-publication agreements

This agreement (“Agreement”) is made on [date] between the [name of society (or owner of journal)] of [address] and John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. (“Wiley”) whose registered office is at The Atrium, Southern Gate, Chichester, PO19 8SQ, West Sussex, UK regarding the co-publication of content from the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* (the “Reviews”) in the journal [journal], and on the associated website [website address]. This Agreement shall commence on the date of signature of the Agreement by both parties and shall continue in effect for a period of two (2) years (the initial term) and shall continue thereafter for subsequent one-year terms, subject to termination by either party in writing at least 30 days prior to the expiry of the initial term or each such subsequent one-year term.

Co-publication of Cochrane Reviews published in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Either: [The [Society/Owner] will select Reviews from suggestions supplied by a Cochrane Review Group (CRG) and will solicit submissions of abridged versions of the Reviews directly from the Review Authors. Review Authors will be invited directly by the [society/owner], and will be instructed to follow the [journal] guidelines; in order that submissions to [journal] will follow the standard [journal] peer review and editing process.]

Or: [The invitation to re-publish abridged versions of Cochrane Reviews in [journal] will be extended to all Review Authors publishing with the following Cochrane Review Groups (CRGs): [list]. If Review Authors decide to submit an abridged version of their Cochrane Review for co-publication in the journal, they will be instructed to follow the [journal] guidelines; in order that submissions to [journal] will follow the standard [journal] peer review and editing process].

It is anticipated that [journal] will re-publish up to six abridged Reviews of this type a year.

[Society/Owner] may ask Review Authors of abridged versions of Reviews to sign their standard [journal] copyright transfer agreements or licences, provided that any rights transferred are subject to the agreement signed by all Review Authors in relation to the publication of the Review in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. It is expressly agreed that, in signing a copyright transfer agreement or licence for publication of the Review in the journal, the Review Author retains the right to use any information or content supplied as part of the journal article to update or otherwise modify the Review in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews.

The [society/owner] agrees to the following conditions for re-publication:

It is agreed that all [journal] abridged versions of the Reviews will be published after first publication in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* unless specific prior permission is sought by the Review Authors from the Editor in Chief of *The Cochrane Library*.

The title of the abridged Review published in the [journal] shall make it clear that the Review is abridged from a Cochrane Systematic Review – for example: “XXX: a Cochrane Review” or “XXX: a Cochrane Systematic Review”.

The abridged Review must faithfully reflect the data and interpretations of the Cochrane Review. Where journal editing and peer review results in differences in the data or interpretation these will, where appropriate, be incorporated into an update of the Cochrane Review in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* at the next available opportunity, with acknowledgement as appropriate.

The support of the CRG in publishing the Cochrane Review should be acknowledged in an appropriate place in the journal version (e.g. in the Acknowledgements section).

It is agreed that [society/owner] will instruct Review Authors to cite the full Review, published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* in the reference list of each abridged version published in [journal]. The citation should include the author(s) name(s), the title of the Review, the Review number (e.g. CD00xxxx), issue number and year of publication of the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, plus the dates of any amendments: e.g. Doumit G, Gattellari M, Grimshaw J, O'Brien MA. Local opinion leaders: effects on professional practice and health care outcomes. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* 2007, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD000125. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00xxxx.

In addition, it is agreed that the following statement shall be included in [journal] as a footnote on the first page of each version published in [journal]: “This review is an abridged version of a Cochrane Review previously published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* YYYY, Issue X, DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00xxxx (see www.cochranelibrary.com for information). Cochrane Reviews are regularly updated as new evidence emerges and in response to feedback, and *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* should be consulted for the most recent version of the review.”

The Cochrane Review published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* will reference the journal version in the section ‘Other published versions of this review’ as soon as reasonably practicable after publication of the journal version.

The [Society/Owner] will send one copy of each [journal] issue containing an abridged Review to: Cochrane Editor, John Wiley & Sons Ltd., The Atrium, Southern Gate, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8SQ, UK.

The parties will adopt an agreed problem resolution process during the term of this Agreement to allow for editorial concerns to be addressed by the [journal] Editor in Chief, the relevant Review Author, the Cochrane Review Group Co-ordinating Editor, the Editor in Chief of *The Cochrane Library*, and representatives from Wiley.

Both parties represent and warrant that they have full right and authority to enter this Agreement and to comply with the provisions herein.

[Society/Owner] shall publish abridged Reviews at its own risk and expense. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Wiley (for itself and its licensors) disclaims any liability for the content, accuracy or suitability for re-publication of the Reviews.

This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the subsidiaries, successors and assigns of the parties.

This Agreement shall be governed by English law as if made and wholly performed in England and the parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

This Agreement constitutes the complete understanding of the parties in relation to the subject matter and no modification or waiver of any provisions shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties. Any waiver in one or more instances by either of the parties of any breach by the other of any terms or provisions contained in this Agreement shall not be considered a waiver of any succeeding or preceding breach.

Signed: Signed:

Title:

Title:

For and on behalf of

For and on behalf of

[journal]

John Wiley & Sons Ltd.

[address 1]

The Atrium, Southern Gate

[address 2]

Chichester, West Sussex

[address 3]

P019 8SQ, UK

Date:

Date:

For permission to republish a table from a Cochrane Review, see <http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Section/id-403426.html>

About this policy

Introduction

Cochrane's mission is to promote evidence-informed health decision-making by producing high-quality, relevant, accessible systematic reviews and other synthesized research evidence. In pursuit of this, there may be circumstances where in order to achieve the widest possible dissemination and impact of review findings it is desirable to pursue 'co-publication' in other and appropriate journals. The co-publication of Cochrane Reviews in journals should, however, be the exception rather than the rule and, as such, this policy document details the steps that need to be taken to ensure acceptable co-publication.

The underlying principles that govern co-publication include the following:

- Honesty and transparency are crucial, for example between the editorial teams of the Cochrane Review Group (CRG), the review authors, and journal editors/publishers, and also to inform the reader that different versions of the same data exist.
- The needs of end users are the prevailing consideration but the wellbeing of Cochrane, the Cochrane brand, and the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* (CDSR) are also crucial to any decision.
- Cochrane Review authors and CRG editorial teams who have contributed to the development of a Cochrane Review should be involved in any decision-making in relation to co-publication, and co-publication requires the permission of all the authors on the by-line of the Cochrane Review.
- The primary publication of a Cochrane Review (and subsequent updates) is in the *CDSR*; any exception to this requires permission from the Editor in Chief.
- All co-publication of Cochrane content needs to be consistent with the guidance of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), particularly the [section on overlapping publication](#) (accessed 22 August 2018).

This policy covers the following scenarios for co-publication:

- [Publishing summaries of Cochrane Reviews in another journal or resource \(e.g. a 'Cochrane Corner'\)](#)
- [Simultaneous publication: publication in a journal on the same or similar date](#)
- [Prior publication: publication in a journal before publication in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* \(CDSR\)](#)
- [Post publication: publishing in a journal after publication in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* \(CDSR\)](#)

- [Co-publishing updates of Cochrane Reviews](#)
- [Converting systematic reviews \(non-Cochrane\) to Cochrane Reviews](#)
- [Submitting abstracts to conferences](#)

When is a Cochrane Review considered to be submitted for publication in the *CDSR*?

The ICMJE considers it to be unethical to submit an article to a journal when it is already being considered for publication elsewhere. Cochrane Reviews are considered as submitted for publication in the *CDSR* once the decision has been made to

publish the protocol. Note that CRGs commit to keeping authors up to date regarding the development and editorial processing of their Cochrane Review, and to responding to queries from authors in a timely fashion. If CRGs fail to meet this commitment to communicate appropriately, then authors may be in the position to justify a release from the agreement to publish in *CDSR*.

Format of a co-published article

The standard format for co-publication of a Cochrane Review is an abridged version, and the co-publication of a complete Cochrane Review would be an exceptional circumstance. It is likely that a co-publishing journal will request that the abridged version of the Cochrane Review is peer reviewed and edited according to the journal's editorial process, and it is possible that the authors will receive additional edits or feedback as part of this process. If appropriate, authors of the Cochrane Review should take these changes into account in the next update of the Cochrane Review. If, during the journal peer review process, authors are asked to change the way they present the review data (e.g. the results and/or conclusions change) in comparison to the *CDSR* version, the authors should discuss this with the CRG (and Editor in Chief of the Cochrane Library, if necessary).

Policy development

The policy was developed by Cochrane and Wiley, and was originally published on 7 April 2011.

Agreements between journals and the CDSR for co-publication of Cochrane Reviews

Some journals have indicated that they would like to publish abridged versions of Cochrane Reviews. In the past these have been informal agreements, but from 2010 onwards co-publication agreements need to be formalized between the editor of the journal, the Editor in Chief of the Cochrane Library, and Wiley ([the publisher of the Cochrane Library](#)). A list of journals that have signed a Cochrane co-publication agreement is available (see below). Journal editors interested in arranging a Cochrane co-publication agreement should contact the Editor in Chief of the Cochrane Library. A template for a co-publication agreement is available ([Template co-publication agreement](#)).

Authors should be aware that, even if such an agreement is in place, the Cochrane Review article is likely to go through the journal's own peer review and editorial process (in addition to the CRG's processes). CRGs are encouraged to work with journal editorial teams that maintain a co-publication agreement, so that the process can be made as efficient as possible.

Authors who submit an abridged Cochrane Review to a journal that already has a Cochrane co-publication agreement do not need to request permission from the Cochrane Review publishers (John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.) or the Editorial and Methods Department, but they must complete the 'Permission to co-publish' form ([Permission to co-publish an abridged version of a Cochrane Review in a journal](#)) and send this to the CRG's Managing Editor. If permission is granted, the CRG should forward the completed form to the EMD for their information (contact ceu@cochrane.org and ensure that the subject line of your email clearly states "Co-publication query"). This will help the EMD to track how Cochrane Reviews are being co-published, and this information will help with future revisions of this policy.

List of journals with Cochrane co-publication agreements

The journals listed below have all signed Cochrane co-publication agreements and are either specialty titles or regional titles. This list is maintained by Wiley; for queries, please contact Tony Aburrow, Associate Editor, Wiley (taburrow@wiley.com).

1. Advances in Psychiatry Treatment
2. American Academy of Dermatology
3. American Journal of Gastroenterology
4. American Journal of Hypertension
5. Anesthesia and Analgesia
6. Archives of Dermatology
7. Beipress-Healthcom
8. BJUI
9. British Journal of Dermatology
10. British Journal of Surgery
11. British Medical Journal
12. BMJ Publishing Group's specialist journals (All)
13. Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene

14. Canadian Medical Association Journal
15. Cancer Treatment Review
16. Chinese Journal of Evidence-based Medicine
17. Climacteric
18. Clinical and Experimental Dermatology
19. Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research
20. Cochlear Implants International
21. Colorectal Disease
22. Diabetic Medicine
23. Diseases of the Colon and Rectum
24. European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery
25. Genetics in Medicine
26. Health Education Journal
27. Human Reproduction
28. HNO
29. Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
30. International Journal of Epidemiology
31. International Journal of Nursing Studies
32. International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology
33. JAAD
34. JAMA
35. JAMA Clinical Evidence Synopsis
36. JNNP
37. Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology
38. Journal of Audiological Medicine
39. Journal of Evidence-based Medicine
40. Journal of General Internal Medicine
41. Journal of Health Services Research and Policy
42. Journal of Human Hypertension
43. Journal of Laryngology and Otology
44. Journal of the National Cancer Institute
45. Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry
46. Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health
47. Journal of Rheumatology
48. Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing
49. Obstetrics and Gynecology
50. Pediatric Anesthesia
51. Respiratory Care
52. Saudi Medical Journal
53. South African Medical Journal
54. Spine
55. Techniques in Coloproctology

Co-publication forms and templates

Form: Permission to co-publish an abridged version of a Cochrane Review in a journal

The permission to co-publish form has four sections to be completed by the authors (section 1), the Cochrane Review Group (section 2), the Cochrane Editorial Unit (section 3), and the publishers of *The Cochrane Library*, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. (section 4). [Download the form](#) as a Word document (version from 3 November 2011).

Templates: Correspondence between Cochrane Review Group and author

- [Request author to complete the 'Permission to co-publish' form](#)
- [Request author to provide additional information in the 'Permission to co-publish' form](#)
- [Permission to co-publish a Cochrane Review in a journal is granted](#)
- [Permission to co-publish in a journal is denied](#)

Request author to complete the 'Permission to co-publish' form

Dear [insert name]

Thank you for requesting permission to co-publish your Cochrane Review entitled "[insert title]" ("[insert CD number]") in the journal [insert journal title]. To collect all necessary information, please complete Section 1 of the 'Permission to co-publish' form (available from [insert website address]/attached to this email) with as much information as possible and return to me at the address below.

The Cochrane co-publication policy can be found in the Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource (<http://www.cochrane.org/editorial-and-publishing-policy-resource>); you will be asked to confirm that you agree to adhere to all requirements for co-publication, as outlined in the co-publication policy.

If you have any queries about this process, please contact me at the address below.

Best wishes

[Insert name, Managing Editor, Cochrane [insert] Review Group]

[Insert address and contact details]

Request author to provide additional information in the 'Permission to co-publish' form

Dear [insert name]

Thank you for submitting the permission to co-publish form for your Cochrane Review entitled "[insert title]" ("[insert CD number]") in the journal [insert journal title]. Before we can consider your request, please answer the questions below, providing as much detail as possible.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

You should insert your answers into the "Authors' comments" section of your completed 'Permission to co-publish' form, which is attached to this email.

The Cochrane co-publication policy can be found in the Cochrane Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource (<http://cochrane.org/editorial-and-publishing-policy-resource>); please be aware that by completing this form that you agree to adhere to all requirements for co-publication, as outlined in the co-publication policy.

If you have any queries about this process, please contact me at the address below.

Best wishes

[Insert name, Managing Editor, Cochrane [insert] Review Group]

[Insert address and contact details]

Permission to co-publish a Cochrane Review in a journal is granted

Dear [insert name]

Thank you for requesting permission to co-publish your Cochrane Review entitled "[insert title]" ("[insert CD number]") in the journal [insert journal title].

I am pleased to be able to tell you that permission to co-publish has been granted, subject to adherence to the points outlined below. The journal has also agreed to adhere to these criteria:

- When submitting an abridged version of a Cochrane Review to a journal (or enquiring about submission in the case of prior or simultaneous publication), the author must make a complete statement to the journal editor to say that the article is based

on a Cochrane Review (published or in progress), which might be regarded as redundant or duplicate publication.

- The journal version must faithfully reflect the data and interpretations of the Cochrane version. Where journal editing and peer review results in differences in the data or interpretation, these should be discussed with the Cochrane Review Group and, where appropriate, incorporated into an update of the Cochrane Review at the next available opportunity with appropriate acknowledgement to the journal's peer reviewers/editors.
- The title of the journal version should indicate that it is a secondary publication (complete republication, abridged republication, complete translation, or abridged translation) of the Cochrane Review, preferably by including 'Cochrane Review' or 'Cochrane Systematic Review' in the title.
- The support of the Cochrane Review Group in publishing the Cochrane Review should be acknowledged in an appropriate place in the journal version (e.g. in the Acknowledgements section).
- The Cochrane Review must be cited in the text and reference list of the journal version.
- A footnote should be placed on the title page of the journal version to inform readers and documenting agencies that the paper has been published previously, either in whole or in part, citing the primary publication (the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*); for example: "This article is based on a Cochrane Review published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)* YYYY, Issue X, DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00xxxx (see www.thecochranelibrary.com for information). Cochrane Reviews are regularly updated as new evidence emerges and in response to feedback, and the *CDSR* should be consulted for the most recent version of the review."
- The Cochrane Review published in the *CDSR* should reference the journal version in the section 'Other published versions of this review' as soon as possible after publication of the journal version or when in press.

Please send a copy of the journal version of your article to me upon publication and, in the meantime, do come back to me if you have any queries about this process.

Best wishes

[Insert name, Managing Editor, Cochrane [insert] Review Group]

[Insert address and contact details]

Permission to co-publish in a journal is denied

Dear [insert name]

Thank you for requesting permission to co-publish your Cochrane Review entitled "[insert title]" ("[insert CD number]") in the journal [insert journal title].

Unfortunately, your request to co-publish this Cochrane Review has been refused.

This decision was reached in consultation with the Editor in Chief of the Cochrane Library, and the reasons for this decision are outlined below:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Do come back to me if you have any queries about this process.

Best wishes

[Insert name, Managing Editor, Cochrane [insert] Review Group]

[Insert address and contact details]

Template: co-publication agreement for journals

[Can we make this a downloadable Word file instead?]

For information only; Wiley will administer all co-publication agreements.

This agreement (“Agreement”) is made on [date] between the [name of society (or owner of journal)] of [address] and John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. (“Wiley”) whose registered office is at The Atrium, Southern Gate, Chichester, PO19 8SQ, West Sussex, UK regarding the co-publication of content from the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* (the “Reviews”) in the journal [journal], and on the associated website [website address]. This Agreement shall commence on the date of signature of the Agreement by both parties and shall continue in effect for a period of two (2) years (the initial term) and shall continue thereafter for subsequent one-year terms, subject to termination by either party in writing at least 30 days prior to the expiry of the initial term or each such subsequent one-year term.

Co-publication of Cochrane Reviews published in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Either: [The [Society/Owner] will select Reviews from suggestions supplied by a Cochrane Review Group (CRG) and will solicit submissions of abridged versions of the Reviews directly from the Review Authors. Review Authors will be invited directly by the [society/owner], and will be instructed to follow the [journal] guidelines; in order that submissions to [journal] will follow the standard [journal] peer review and editing process.]

Or: [The invitation to re-publish abridged versions of Cochrane Reviews in [journal] will be extended to all Review Authors publishing with the following Cochrane Review Groups (CRGs): [list]. If Review Authors decide to submit an abridged version of their Cochrane Review for co-publication in the journal, they will be instructed to follow the [journal] guidelines; in order that submissions to [journal] will follow the standard [journal] peer review and editing process].

It is anticipated that [journal] will re-publish up to six abridged Reviews of this type a year.

[Society/Owner] may ask Review Authors of abridged versions of Reviews to sign their standard [journal] copyright transfer agreements or licences, provided that any rights transferred are subject to the agreement signed by all Review Authors in relation to the publication of the Review in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. It is expressly agreed that, in signing a copyright transfer agreement or licence for publication of the Review in the journal, the Review Author retains the right to use any information or content supplied as part of the journal article to update or otherwise modify the Review in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews.

The [society/owner] agrees to the following conditions for re-publication:

It is agreed that all [journal] abridged versions of the Reviews will be published after first publication in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* unless specific prior permission is sought by the Review Authors from the Editor in Chief of *The Cochrane Library*.

The title of the abridged Review published in the [journal] shall make it clear that the Review is abridged from a Cochrane Systematic Review – for example: “XXX: a Cochrane Review” or “XXX: a Cochrane Systematic Review”.

The abridged Review must faithfully reflect the data and interpretations of the Cochrane Review. Where journal editing and peer review results in differences in the data or interpretation these will, where appropriate, be incorporated into an update of the Cochrane Review in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* at the next available opportunity, with acknowledgement as appropriate.

The support of the CRG in publishing the Cochrane Review should be acknowledged in an appropriate place in the journal version (e.g. in the Acknowledgements section).

It is agreed that [society/owner] will instruct Review Authors to cite the full Review, published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* in the reference list of each abridged version published in [journal]. The citation should include the author(s) name(s), the title of the Review, the Review number (e.g. CD00xxxx), issue number and year of publication of the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, plus the dates of any amendments: e.g. Doumit G, Gattellari M, Grimshaw J, O'Brien MA. Local opinion leaders: effects on professional practice and health care outcomes. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* 2007, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD000125. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00xxxx.

In addition, it is agreed that the following statement shall be included in [journal] as a footnote on the first page of each version published in [journal]: “This review is an abridged version of a Cochrane Review previously published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* YYYY, Issue X, DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00xxxx (see www.cochranelibrary.com for information). Cochrane Reviews are regularly updated as new evidence emerges and in response to feedback, and *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* should be consulted for the most recent version of the review.”

The Cochrane Review published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* will reference the journal version in the section ‘Other published versions of this review’ as soon as reasonably practicable after publication of the journal version.

The [Society/Owner] will send one copy of each [journal] issue containing an abridged Review to: Cochrane Editor, John Wiley & Sons Ltd., The Atrium, Southern Gate, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8SQ, UK.

The parties will adopt an agreed problem resolution process during the term of this Agreement to allow for editorial concerns to be addressed by the [journal] Editor in Chief, the relevant Review Author, the Cochrane Review Group Co-ordinating Editor, the Editor in Chief of *The Cochrane Library*, and representatives from Wiley.

Both parties represent and warrant that they have full right and authority to enter this Agreement and to comply with the provisions herein.

[Society/Owner] shall publish abridged Reviews at its own risk and expense. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Wiley (for itself and its licensors) disclaims any liability for the content, accuracy or suitability for re-publication of the Reviews.

This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the subsidiaries, successors and assigns of the parties.

This Agreement shall be governed by English law as if made and wholly performed in England and the parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

This Agreement constitutes the complete understanding of the parties in relation to the subject matter and no modification or waiver of any provisions shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties. Any waiver in one or more instances by either of the parties of any breach by the other of any terms or provisions contained in this Agreement shall not be considered a waiver of any succeeding or preceding breach.

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Co-publication process: how to request and implement

The points listed below outline the process for co-publishing a Cochrane Review in another journal. The first contact for any query should be the Managing Editor of the CRG. The Managing Editor may (and, in some circumstances, must) refer the case for advice to the Cochrane Editorial and Methods Department (EMD); please contact ceu@cochrane.org and ensure that the subject line of your email clearly states "Co-publication query".

1. For all instances of co-publication, the authors should approach the CRG's Managing Editor using the '[Permission to co-publish](#)' form.

2. If the authors propose publishing an abridged version in a journal:

a. before publication in the *CDSR* ([prior publication](#)) – the CRG will refer the case to the EMD for permission.

b. at the same time as publication in the *CDSR* ([simultaneous publication](#)) – the CRG will refer the case to the EMD for permission, or simply inform the EMD if there is an existing co-publication agreement with the journal.

c. after publication in the *CDSR* (**post-publication**) but either the journal has not yet signed a Cochrane co-publication agreement (check the list in the section "[Agreements between journals and CDSR](#)") or if the journal is a high-profile journals – the CRG will refer the case to the EMD for permission. The EMD will consult with the CRG, the authors, and the journal, as necessary. The EMD will ask Wiley to ensure that the journal signs a Cochrane co-publication agreement and that permission is granted to the author. The EMD will inform the CRG of the decision, and the CRG will communicate the decision to the author.

d. after publication in the *CDSR* (**post-publication**) AND the journal has already signed a Cochrane co-publication agreement (check the list in the section "[Agreements between journals and CDSR](#)") – the CRG can grant permission to the author and do not need to refer to the EMD. The CRG will ensure that the EMD is aware of each permission granted by sending a copy of the completed 'Permission to co-publish' form to the EMD.

3. All co-publishing journals will be asked to sign a Cochrane co-publication agreement with Wiley. This can be a one-off agreement or an agreement to co-publish over a period of time (i.e. it does not need to be signed by the journal for each abridged review). All journals that have already signed the agreement to co-publish over a period of time are listed in the section check the list in the section "[Agreements between journals and CDSR](#)". If the journal has not yet signed an agreement the EMD will instruct Wiley to ensure that an agreement is signed (in advance of submission to the journal as far as possible).

4. When submitting an abridged version of a Cochrane Review to a journal (or enquiring about submission in the case of prior or simultaneous publication), the author must make a complete statement to the journal editor to say that the article is based on a Cochrane Review (published or in progress).

5. The journal version must faithfully reflect the data and interpretations of the Cochrane version. Where journal editing and peer review have resulted in differences in the data or interpretation, these should be discussed with the CRG, and, where appropriate, incorporated into a revised version of the Cochrane Review at the next available opportunity, and with appropriate acknowledgement to the journal's peer reviewers/editors.

6. The title of the journal version should indicate that it is a secondary publication (complete republication, abridged republication, complete translation, or abridged translation) of the Cochrane Review, preferably by including 'Cochrane Review' or 'Cochrane Systematic Review' in the title.

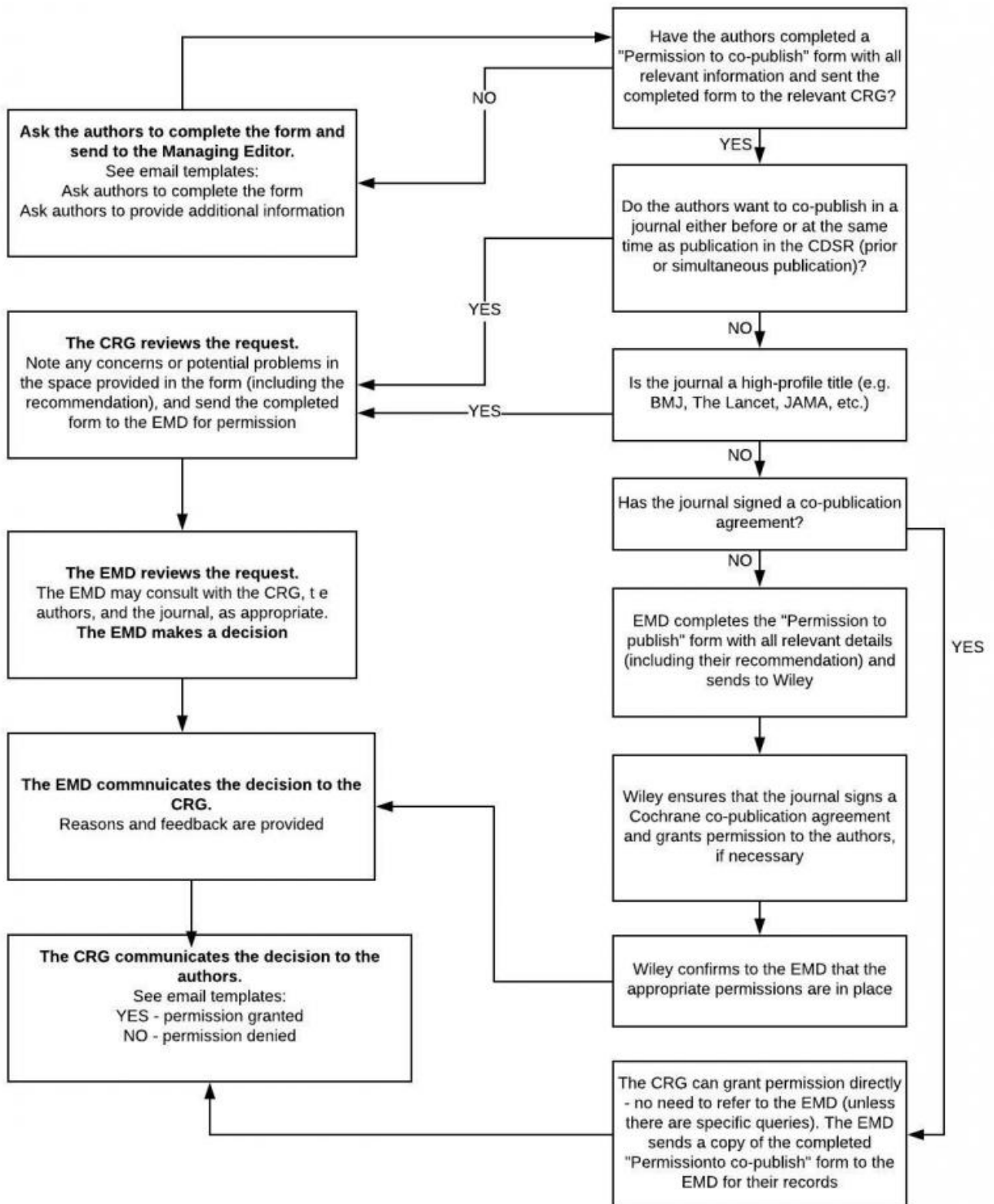
7. The support of the CRG in publishing the Cochrane Review should be acknowledged in an appropriate place in the journal version (e.g. in the Acknowledgements section).

8. The Cochrane Review must be cited in the reference list of the journal version.

a. A footnote should be placed on the title page of the journal version to inform readers and documenting agencies that the paper has been published previously, either in whole or in part, citing the primary publication (*CDSR*); for example: "This article is based on a Cochrane Review published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* (*CDSR*) YYYY, Issue X, DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00xxxx (see www.cochranelibrary.com for information). Cochrane Reviews are regularly updated as new evidence emerges and in response to feedback, and the *CDSR* should be consulted for the most recent version of the review."

b. The Cochrane Review published in the *CDSR* should reference the journal version in the section 'Other published versions of this review' as soon as possible after publication of the journal version or when in press.

Workflow for co-publishing Cochrane Reviews (including updates) in other journals



The co-publication process

Co-publishing Updates of Cochrane Reviews

Keeping Cochrane Reviews up-to-date in response to new evidence, feedback, and methodology is a responsibility for authors and Cochrane Review Groups (CRGs). An updated version will be based substantially on the previous version of the published Cochrane Review. Authors must consider the following when considering this option.

- Cochrane Reviews should be updated in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)*. Any decision to co-publish an updated Cochrane Review in a journal must involve discussion with both the CRG and Cochrane Editorial and Methods Department.
- The co-publication of any updated Cochrane Review must be substantially different to any previous co-publication of the same Cochrane Review (e.g. the conclusions are different).
- The editor of the journal may consider the publication to be redundant (duplicate) publication, that is, “publication of a paper that overlaps substantially with one already published in print or electronic media” ([ICMJE recommendations on overlapping publications](#); accessed 22 August 2018).
- Authors of published Cochrane Reviews have granted Cochrane an exclusive licence for publication for the Cochrane Review, and the journal editor needs to be aware of this.

For permission to co-publish an updated version of a Cochrane Review, please contact the Managing Editor of your CRG, using the [‘Permission to co-publish’](#) form ; your case may be referred to the EMD for further guidance. The guidance given in the section [“Co-publication process”](#) should also be followed.

Converting systematic reviews (non-Cochrane) to Cochrane Reviews

There may be instances when authors wish to convert a non-Cochrane systematic review into a Cochrane Review so that it can be included within the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)* and updated thereafter. In these cases, the journal in which the systematic review was first published is the primary publication and the *CDSR* is the secondary publication. Authors of these systematic reviews need to be mindful of any licence for publication forms (or copyright forms) signed for the primary (journal) publication.

If authors are considering converting a non-Cochrane systematic review to a Cochrane Review, then the following additional steps need to be taken:

1. The authors should inform the journal editor/publisher (of the primary publication) and obtain consent.
2. When considering conversion, the author must make a complete statement to the Cochrane Review Group’s (CRG’s) Managing Editor about the journal article (primary publication), which may be regarded as redundant or duplicate publication.
3. The CRG’s Co-ordinating Editor will decide whether the conversion is in the interests of the *CDSR* and its readers, and whether processing the review is an appropriate use of time of the CRG’s editorial team and its peer reviewers and editors. The CRG should determine this in the context of its own priorities and is at absolute liberty to decline the title. Equally, the CRG might decide that the needs of users would be better realized by delaying conversion and setting an updated search date in order to incorporate new studies, which might change the findings of the review.
4. The Acknowledgements section of the Cochrane Review should inform readers and documenting agencies that the paper has been published previously in whole or in part, and state the primary reference (journal article). The full reference to the primary publication (journal article) should be included in the section ‘Other published versions of this review’.

Post-publication: publishing in a journal after publication in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)

There may be instances when the authors feel that publication of an abridged version of a published Cochrane Review in another journal would be in the public interest. In these cases the journal is likely to be a specialist publication (reaching a specialist audience) or published in a language other than English (reaching a new audience). Before proceeding along this route, authors must consider the following.

- The editor of the other journal may consider the publication to be redundant (duplicate) publication, that is, “publication of a paper that overlaps substantially with one already published in print or electronic media” ([ICMJE recommendations on overlapping publications](#); accessed 22 August 2018).
- Authors of published Cochrane Reviews have granted Cochrane an exclusive licence for publication for the Cochrane Review, and the journal editor needs to be aware of this.

To initiate this process, authors should first contact the Managing Editor of the relevant Cochrane Review Group (CRG) using the

['Permission to co-publish'](#) form. The authors, the CRG, and the journal will all be required to follow the steps outlined in the section ["Co-publication process"](#).

If the journal has already signed a Cochrane co-publication agreement (*insert link to this other section*), the CRG can grant permission without referring the case to the Editorial and Methods Department (EMD), although the CRG must ensure that the EMD is aware of each permission granted by sending a copy of the completed ['Permission to co-publish'](#) form to the EMD. If, however, the journal has not yet signed a co-publication agreement, the case will be referred to the EMD for permission (contact ceu@cochrane.org and ensure that the subject line of your email clearly states "Co-publication query"). The EMD will ask Wiley to ensure that the journal signs a Cochrane co-publication agreement and that permission is granted to the author. The EMD will inform the CRG of the decision, and the CRG will communicate the decision to the author.

Prior publication: publication in a journal before publication in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)

Publishing the completed Cochrane Review in a journal before publication is reserved for exceptional circumstances. Authors considering this option should first contact the Managing Editor of the relevant CRG with a completed 'Permission to co-publish' form ([Permission to co-publish an abridged version of a Cochrane Review in a journal](#)). The Managing Editor will refer each case to the Cochrane Editorial and Methods Department for permission (contact ceu@cochrane.org and ensure that the subject line of your email clearly states "Co-publication query"). The authors, the CRG and the journal will be required to follow all steps outlined in the section ['Co-publication process'](#).

Authors should also be aware that submitting an abridged version of a Cochrane Review (completed or in progress) to a journal without permission from the Cochrane Review Group (CRG) and Cochrane Editorial and Methods Department, and with the intention that the journal version is published first, is considered duplicate submission. In such cases the CRG will reject the Cochrane Review and it will not be published in the *CDSR*.

Publishing summaries of Cochrane Reviews in another journal or resource (e.g. a 'Cochrane Corner')

Republishing Cochrane abstracts and/or plain language summaries in journals (e.g. 'Cochrane Corners') with or without additional commentary is an effective dissemination tool for keeping specialist audiences abreast of the most recent evidence published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)*. Each journal publishing a 'Cochrane Corner' or similar feature must request permission to republish Cochrane Review abstracts and plain language summaries, and can do this by applying directly to the Cochrane Library publisher, John Wiley & Sons Ltd., for permission. Journal editors should contact Tony Aburrow, Associate Editor, Wiley (taburrow@wiley.com) to discuss the arrangements. Commentaries published in addition to a Cochrane Review abstract or plain language summary should clearly differentiate between the author(s) of the commentary and the author(s) of the Cochrane Review (i.e. it should not appear that a Cochrane Review has been published by a different set of authors).

List of publications with signed agreements to publish summaries of Cochrane Reviews

The journals listed below have all signed agreements with John Wiley & Sons Ltd. to publish summaries/commentaries of Cochrane Reviews (e.g. a 'Cochrane Corner'). This list is maintained by Wiley; for queries, please contact Tony Aburrow, Associate Editor, Wiley (taburrow@wiley.com).

- Australasian Journal on Ageing
- BMJ Shortcuts
- Clinical Otolaryngology
- International Journal of Audiology
- Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health
- Neurohabilitation
- Stroke
- Zeitschrift für Hebammenwissenschaft (Journal of Midwifery Science)

Simultaneous publication: publication in a journal on the same or similar date

There may be instances when the public would benefit from the simultaneous publication of a Cochrane Review in both the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)* and another journal. The journal is likely to be a specialist publication (reaching a specialist audience) or published in a language other than English (reaching a new audience). Simultaneous publication of a Cochrane Review may be discussed with the Cochrane Review Group (CRG) at any stage of the Cochrane Review development process, and ideally as soon as the authors consider this possibility. All decisions concerning co-publication will reflect the input and contribution of the CRG staff, editors, and peer reviewers. This contribution should also be acknowledged in any co-published version of the Cochrane Review.

Before proceeding along this route, authors must consider the following.

- The journal editor may consider the publication to be redundant (duplicate) publication, that is, “publication of a paper that overlaps substantially with one already published in print or electronic media” ([ICMJE recommendations on overlapping publications](#); accessed 22 August 2018). This could potentially lead to limitations being imposed on publication of the Cochrane Review in the *CDSR*, which are unacceptable to Cochrane.
- Authors of published Cochrane Reviews have granted Cochrane an exclusive [licence for publication](#) for the Cochrane Review, meaning that the Cochrane Review cannot be published elsewhere without permission, and the journal editor needs to be aware of this.

To initiate this process, authors should first contact the relevant Managing Editor of the CRG for permission (using the ‘Permission to co-publish’ form ([Permission to co-publish](#))). The CRG will refer each case to the Cochrane Editorial and Methods Department (contact ceu@cochrane.org and ensure that the subject line of your email clearly states “Co-publication query”). The authors, the CRG and the journal will all be required to follow the steps outlined in the section [‘Co-publication process’](#).

Submitting abstracts to conferences

Published Cochrane Review

If the Cochrane Protocol or Review is published, the author(s) can submit the abstract to the conference without seeking additional permission. The author(s) must include the citation to the Cochrane Review in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)*.

Unpublished Cochrane Review

If the Cochrane Protocol or Review is still in development and the author(s) wishes submit an abstract to a conference, then the author will need to include an appropriate citation, such as, “This abstract is based on a draft and [pre-peer review/post-peer review] version of a [Protocol for a Cochrane Review/Cochrane Review]. Upon completion and approval, the final version is expected to be published in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* (www.cochranelibrary.com).”