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When a Cochrane Review (or a protocol) is published for the first time a new citation version is automatically generated. Cochrane Review citation versions are recorded in reference databases such as MEDLINE and Science Citation Index (SCI). Protocols do not have citations in MEDLINE or SCI, but are included in other databases such as PROSPERO.

The following tables describe the events that lead to a new publication, new citation, or a change in the publication status for protocols ([Table 1](#)) and reviews ([Table 2](#)). These events are called 'What's New events' in Review Manager. The scenarios were updated on 1st September 2018; the previous iteration of the policy is available in PDF format [here](#).

Occasionally, it may be necessary to split a protocol or review into two or more protocols or reviews, or merge two or more protocols or reviews to create a new protocol or review. Each of the new versions will have a new citation.

Note: While it is technically possible to enter several 'What's New' events in an updated review, only information about the changes since the last published version should be in the 'What's New' table. 'What's New' events from previously published versions should be moved to the History table.

Table 1. Protocols for Cochrane Reviews: events that lead to a new publication or change in publication status ('What's New' events)

Examples	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An important change to the objectives or scope of the proposed review (e.g. new outcomes or change or definition of the outcomes, comparisons, methodology, types of participants or developments in the its delivery) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor typographical errors Changes to information presented in the background section that will not otherwise affect the eligibility <i>amending definition or burden of disease, or updating supporting references</i> Addition of a comment and/or a response to the feedback section but with no further changes to the p from minor typographical changes) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where protocol is changed in response to a Comment/Feedback Post-publication change in authorship (see policy) 	

Table 2. Cochrane Reviews: events that lead to a new publication, new citation, or change in publication status ('What's New' events)

Examples:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of new studies (e.g. the full inclusion of a study previously awaiting classification) Removal of one or more studies previously included (<i>e.g. when the studies have been retracted</i>) 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any changes to the following sections (except minor typographical errors that do not impact the data or interpretation): scope of the review (<i>e.g. new outcomes, comparisons, types of participants or delivery intervention or its delivery</i>); methodology; results (<i>e.g. in effect estimates or confidence intervals</i>), the results (as expressed by GRADE ratings); conclusions; Summary of Findings tables; Abstract; and/or Summary Where review is changed in response to a Comment/Feedback (beyond minor typographical changes) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor typographical errors that do not impact the data or review findings or interpretation One or more studies removed from “Studies awaiting classification” New search performed, but studies not fully incorporated into the results of the review (<i>i.e. added to classification</i>)* Addition of a comment and/or a reply to the feedback section but with no other changes to the review (typographical errors) 	
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*Studies are fully incorporated into the Cochrane Review if added to the included studies, excluded studies, ongoing studies, or studies awaiting classification (only if all reasonable efforts to integrate it into included, excluded, or ongoing have failed), or no new studies identified in search. Studies are not fully incorporated if studies identified by the search are added to studies awaiting classification *only* (see exception above). See '[Reporting search dates](#)' for further information.

Withdrawing a Cochrane Review

The withdrawal of a Cochrane Review or a protocol for a Cochrane Review always requires a new citation version, and the What's New Events (1) Change status to 'withdrawn' on the Advanced tab of the Properties sheet in Archie AND (2) Amended. See [further information](#).