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## Digital object identifier (DOI)

A typical Cochrane Review digital object identifier (DOI) looks like this:

10.1002/14651858.CD001751.pub3

The DOI is usually displayed in the form of a URL:

<https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD001751.pub3>

## What do the DOI components mean?

10.1002 prefix indicating the DOI is owned by John Wiley and Sons, Ltd (Cochrane's publisher)  
14651858 the ISSN of the Cochrane Library  
CD001751 Cochrane Review ID  
Pub3 the version number (for versions 2 and up)

Each time a new citation version is published the version number increases by 1, but there is no Pub1. The first version (usually the protocol) has no 'Pub' suffix.

For example, this is the DOI history for a single review looking in the past, present, and future:

- 10.1002/14651858.CD008540 2010 protocol
- 10.1002/14651858.CD008540.pub2 2010 first review version
- 10.1002/14651858.CD008540.pub3 2012 update
- 10.1002/14651858.CD008540.pub4 2016 update
- 10.1002/14651858.CD008540.pub5 next citation version when published

For older reviews the earlier versions may not be available in the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* (within the Cochrane Library), so a reader will only see the first version of the review with a Wiley DOI. The 'pub' number is independent of the stage, type, or status of the review. It just increases by 1 if there's a new citation version.

## DOI structure for split and merged reviews

If a review is split into multiple versions, this is recorded in Archie, but each new review will get a separate new CD number and DOI. This also applies if multiple reviews are merged into one review. The new review will get a new CD number and DOI.

## URL (website address)

The URL is created by adding the DOI after this: <https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/>

A /full or /abstract suffix can be used for the full text or abstract, respectively.

So for the example review, the URL is:

<https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD001751.pub3>