Simple Search is a handy tool in the Cochrane Register of Studies (CRS) for finding records when you know exact details about a reference or study in your register. Simple Search also helps you find potential duplicate records or retrieve included studies from a particular review.

To access Simple Search, select the Records tab and open the search panel by clicking the Search tab.

Select the Simple Search tab and use its typeahead feature to search a register. The typeahead search will generate and refresh results as you type based on matching records in your register.

To use Simple Search, pick your register from the drop-down list and then one of six fields: Author, Embase ID, PubMed ID, Review, Study name, or Title. Start typing and results will appear in the box below. Click on a result and records will display in the search history.
To find records by title, select your register name and the Title field. Start typing to generate results with titles that start with your search terms. Aside from simply finding records, using the Title field in Simple Search is also a useful tool to identify duplicate records that have the same titles in your register.

To look up a review by its CD number and retrieve its included studies, select your register and the Review field and start typing the CD number. Click on the review number in the search pane and the record will appear in search history with its included studies in the search results pane.

These are just a couple of suggested ways to use Simple Search in CRS, and we hope you find new and helpful ways to use its typeahead feature too.

If you have any questions about using Simple Search in CRS, or anything else, please contact cis-support@cochrane.org