Changes to the review format with a focused review article: What does it mean for authors?

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What we're covering today

1. Why introduce a focused review format?
2. What does the focused review format look with demos
3. What guidance and training will be available?
4. What's are the next steps?
5. Open space for questions
Introducing Sean Gardner
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Trusted evidence.
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Why introduce a focused review format?
Aims of changing review (and data) formats

1. Streamline the development and publication of Cochrane reviews
2. Improve author, editor and user experience
3. Innovate in how we share and use our content
✓ Clear distinction between main article and supplementary materials
✓ Consolidated author guidance and review templates pre-populated in RevMan
✓ Moved to publishing standard reporting guidelines
✓ New subheadings to improve consistency between Reviews and showcase integrity
✓ New included studies and analyses table
Summary of changes for 2023

Study centric data
- Improved data management
- Import extracted data
- Data package export
- Data re-use

Focused review format
- Subheadings
- PRISMA & templates
- Supplementary materials
- Included studies and analyses table

Recommended but optional

All submissions to use from 31 March 2024
A focused review involves

- Technology
- Processes
- People
Focused review format

Study centric data (improved data management)

Enhanced CENTRAL

Improved protocols

Enhanced CDSR content

Evidence surveillance

Living reviews

Innovate in how we share and use our content
Study centric data: What does it mean for authors?

1. Study centric data Cochrane Training portal with self-directed learning module
2. Updates to RevMan Knowledge Base and author guidance
3. Cochrane Learning Live webinars & tutorials
What does the focused review format look like?
Demo

- Focused review format in RevMan
- Intervention review template in RevMan
- Focused review format on the Cochrane Library
- Switching to the focused review format
What guidance and support will be available?
Guidance and support

1. Updates to RevMan Knowledge Base and author guidance
2. Templates
3. Example prototype
4. Cochrane Intervention Handbook chapters updates
5. Cochrane Learning Live webinars & tutorials
6. Contact support@cochrane.org
What are the next steps?

What it means for authors

- Improved experience
- Simplified reporting and faster review development
- Greater impact of published Reviews
- Better showcases the integrity of Cochrane evidence
- Faster editorial processing
- Faster production processing
Next steps

1. Work with the community to ensure they understand the changes and can support those they work with
2. Repeat the original survey to understand gaps and help us plan next steps
3. Monitor the metrics and adapt where necessary
4. Assess 2023 developments and prioritise 2024 plans
Want to know more?

1. More on why we changed the formats
2. More background on what informed developments
3. Highlights how the review and data formats complement each other
4. More on monitoring and evaluation
Questions?

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