

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

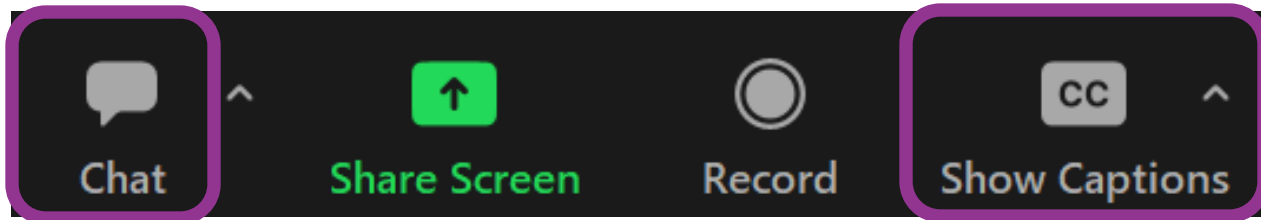
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What we're covering today

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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Why introduce a focused review format?

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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



A shorter, more flexible review format

Simplification

Better guidance for authors

- ✓ 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

Recommended but
optional

Focused review format

Subheadings

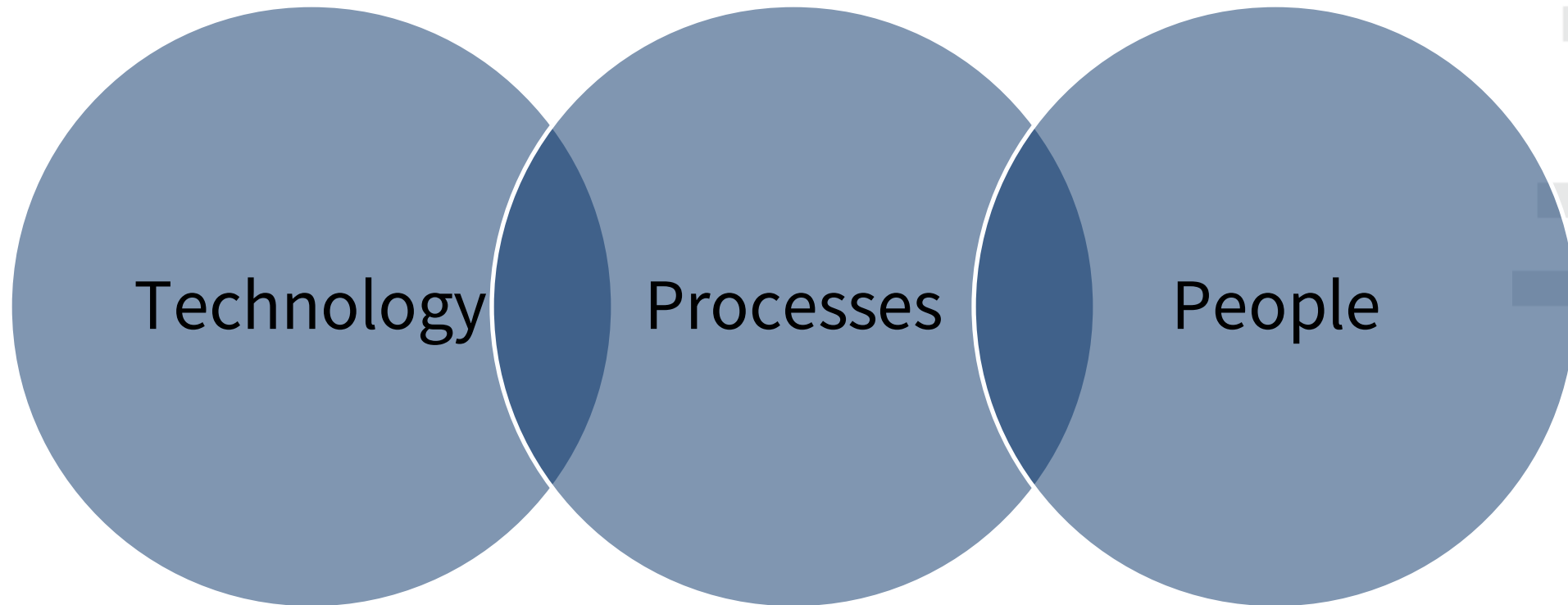
PRISMA & templates

Supplementary materials

Included studies and analyses
table

All submissions to
use from 31 March
2024

A focused review involves



**Innovate in how we
share and use our
content**

Living reviews

Evidence surveillance

**Enhanced CDSR
content**

Improved protocols

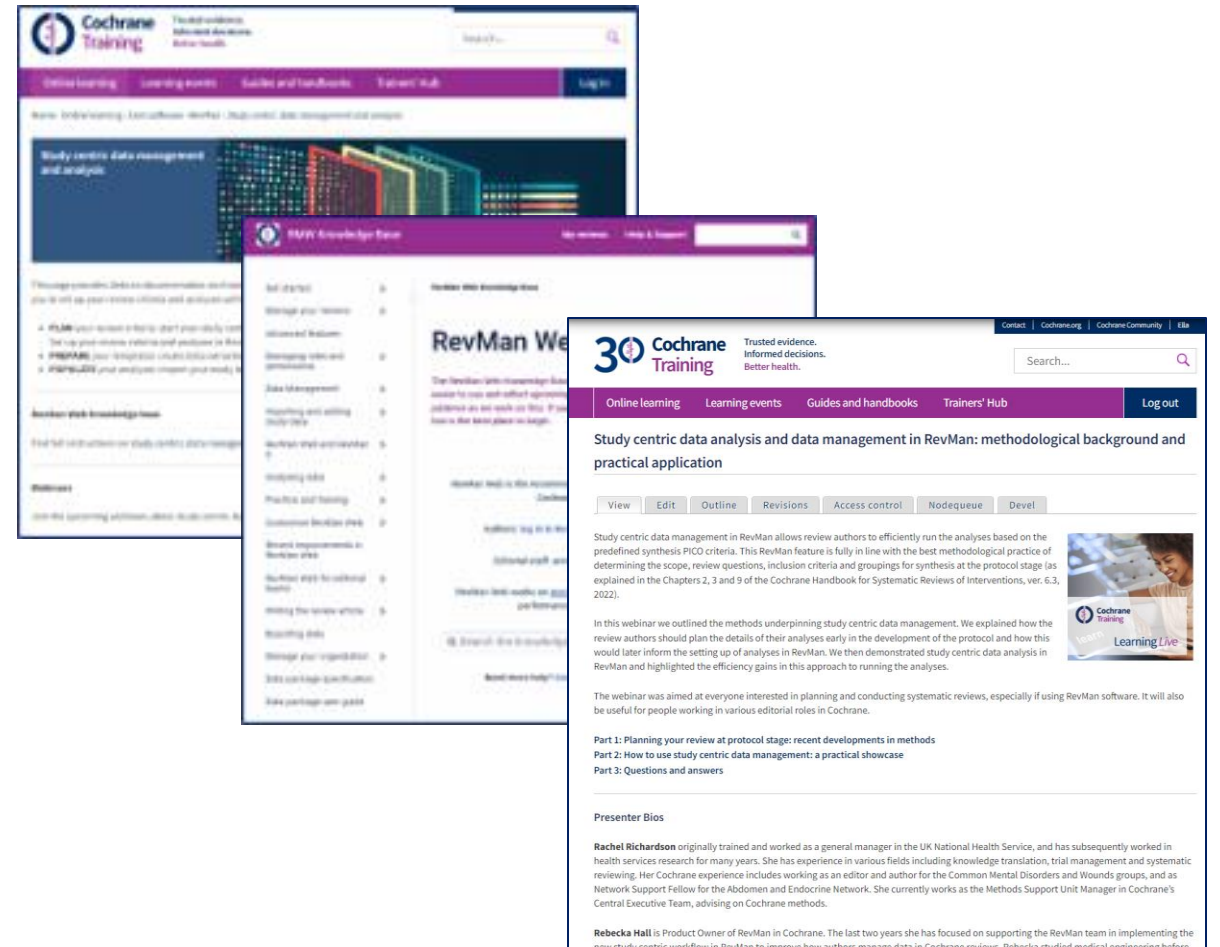
Enhanced CENTRAL

Focused review format

**Study centric data
(improved data management)**

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



The image displays three overlapping screenshots of Cochrane's digital resources. The top-left screenshot shows the Cochrane Training portal with a navigation menu and a search bar. The middle screenshot shows the RevMan Knowledge Base interface, featuring a sidebar with various topics like 'Data Management' and 'Reporting and writing'. The bottom-right screenshot shows a Cochrane Learning Live webinar page titled 'Study centric data analysis and data management in RevMan: methodological background and practical application'. The webinar page includes a search bar, navigation tabs (View, Edit, Outline, Revisions, Access control, Nodequeue, Devel), a main text area with a small image of a person, and a presenter bios section for Rachel Richardson and Rebecka Hall.

What does the focused review format look like?

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Cochrane RevMan My reviews Help Ella Flemingy

Default view Full text [Practice] Focused review format prototype Context

Dashboard

Status

Review format changed

Review type: Intervention review

Advanced features: **Risk of bias 2** **Study-centric data**

Expires: October 14, 2023

Practice review - so most of the dashboard has been disabled.

Actions

- Tag current version
- Make global edits
- Enable advanced features
- Import study data

Validation

Errors: 2

Warnings: 16

View the list of validation rules here.

History

Version	Version created by	Date	Description
current	Ella Flemingy	Sep 14, 2023 14:34	Current version
1.0	Ella Flemingy	Sep 14, 2023 14:34	Initial version

Planning to submit after 1 January 2024? Enable focused review format in RevMan now. [Key benefits.](#)

Cochrane Library
Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Focused review format prototype (Review)

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Demo

- Focused review format in RevMan
- Intervention review template in RevMan
- Focused review format on the Cochrane Library
- Switching to the focused review format

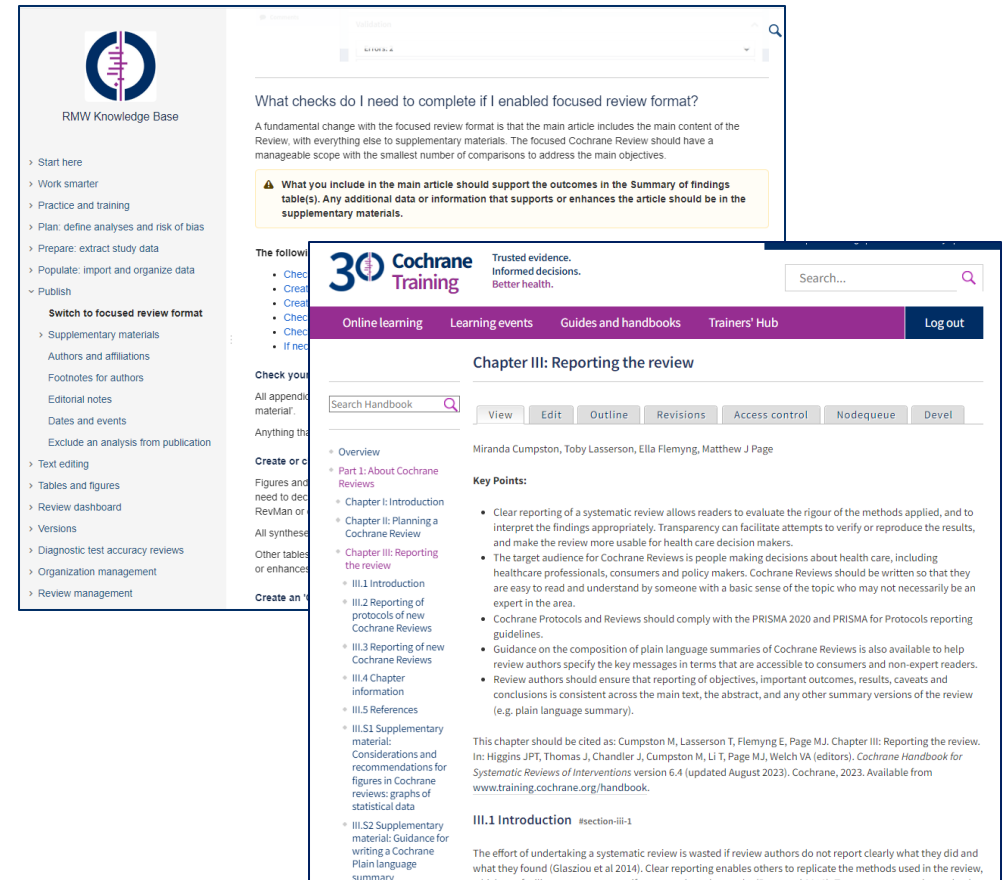
What guidance and support will be available?

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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



The image shows two overlapping screenshots from the Cochrane website. The top screenshot is from the 'RMW Knowledge Base' and displays a search result for 'What checks do I need to complete if I enabled focused review format?'. It includes a warning icon and text stating: 'What you include in the main article should support the outcomes in the Summary of findings table(s). Any additional data or information that supports or enhances the article should be in the supplementary materials.' The bottom screenshot is from the 'Cochrane Training' website, showing 'Chapter III: Reporting the review'. It features a navigation bar with 'Online learning', 'Learning events', 'Guides and handbooks', 'Trainers' Hub', and 'Log out'. The main content area includes a search bar, a list of chapters (Overview, Part 1: About Cochrane Reviews, Chapter I: Introduction, Chapter II: Planning a Cochrane Review, Chapter III: Reporting the review), and a 'Key Points' section. The 'Key Points' section lists several guidelines for reporting, such as 'Clear reporting of a systematic review allows readers to evaluate the rigour of the methods applied, and to interpret the findings appropriately. Transparency can facilitate attempts to verify or reproduce the results, and make the review more usable for health care decision makers.' and 'The target audience for Cochrane Reviews is people making decisions about health care, including healthcare professionals, consumers and policy makers. Cochrane Reviews should be written so that they are easy to read and understand by someone with a basic sense of the topic who may not necessarily be an expert in the area.'

What are the next steps?

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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



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A focused review format and study centric data – why and what's new?

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