

What is The Cochrane Library?

The Cochrane Library presents the work of the Cochrane Collaboration and others interested in assembling the best possible evidence on the effects of health care. It is made up of a number of databases including *The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews : CDSR (Cochrane Reviews)*, the *Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness : DARE (Other Reviews)* and the *Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials : CENTRAL (Clinical Trials)*. *The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* is continuously updated. *CENTRAL* and *About the Cochrane Collaboration (Cochrane Groups)* are updated monthly, the rest quarterly.

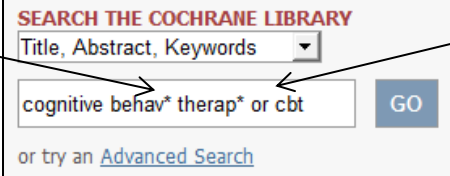
Accessing The Cochrane Library

The Cochrane Library is accessed via the **HYMS Library** webpages: <http://libguides.hull.ac.uk/medicine>

1. Visit the **Find Articles & More** tab (<http://libguides.hull.ac.uk/medicine/FindArticles>)
2. In the **Key Databases & EBM sources** box at the top of the page click **The Cochrane Library** to open the database.

Simple search

To do a basic search, type your search terms into the search box, ensuring that **Title, Abstract, Keywords** has been selected from the dropdown menu, and click on **Go**.

<p>The * has been used with terms that have variant endings, e.g. behaviour/behavioural/behaviour, etc.</p>		<p>Alternative expressions have been combined using OR.</p>
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Your search results will then be displayed. To use this search as part of a more complex search click **Add to Search Manager**.

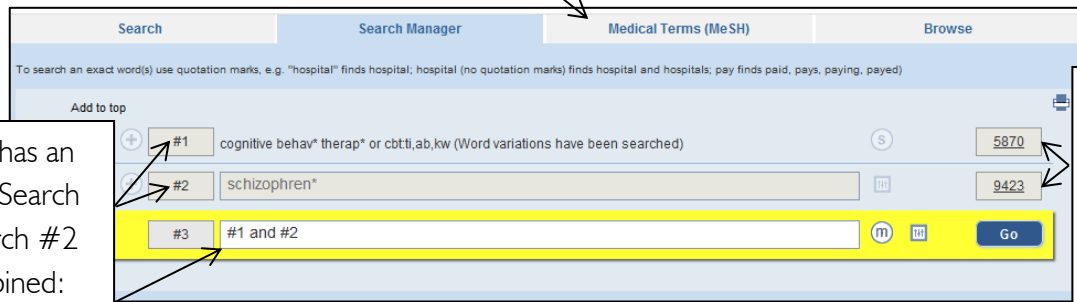
Complex searches using Search Manager

Search Manager allows you to combine searches together to produce more complex searches. Click on **Advanced Search** then choose the **Search Manager** tab.

In the example overleaf, separate searches have been conducted for **cognitive behav* therap* or cbt** and for **schizophren***. Click **Go** to carry out each search.

The searches are then combined by typing in the appropriate search ID numbers (**#1**, **#2**) together with **and** or **or**.

Click this tab to match a search term to Medical Subject Headings.

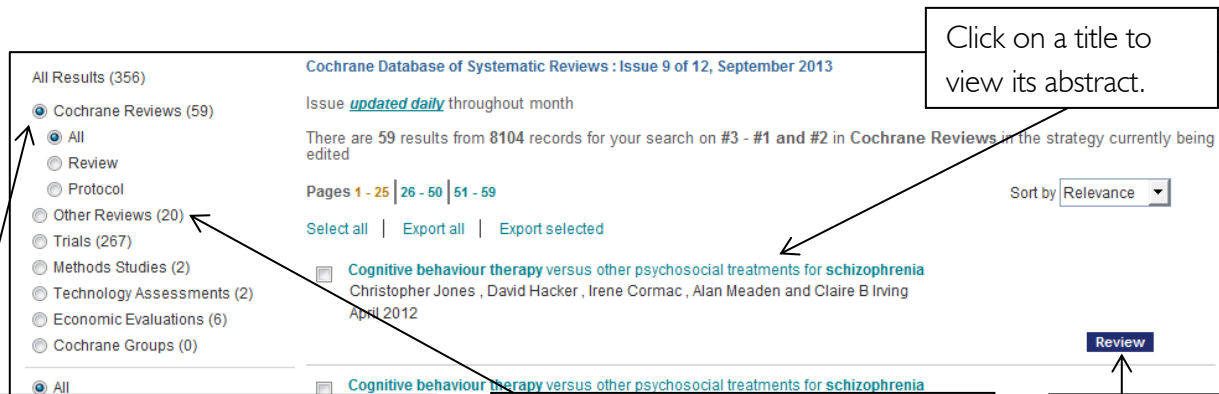


Each search has an ID number. Search #1 and Search #2 can be combined: e.g. **#1 and #2**

Click on the number of search results to see your search results.

Viewing and working with your results

The number of results found is listed next to the database in which they appear.



Click on a title to view its abstract.

The default display is the Cochrane Reviews database. Click the toggles to switch between databases.

In this example, 59 Cochrane Reviews records have been found, 20 Other Reviews, and 267 Trials.

Labels indicate Reviews, Protocols, etc.

Click on the title of a review or protocol to move to options to view the full text. For records in other parts of The Cochrane Library an abstract is available; check the Hull and York Library catalogues for full-text availability.

Use the export options to save all or selected references.

Find out more

Click on **Learn** from the homepage to find out more about The Cochrane Library and how to use it. Click on **Help** on the homepage to access the online search manual.

i For more help with this database, please contact the
HYMS Library Team : <http://libguides.hull.ac.uk/medicine>