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Selected Musculoskeletal Group reviews will be considered for co-publication with *The Journal of Rheumatology*. When publishing in *The Journal of Rheumatology*, it is the author's responsibility to reformat their review accordingly and **cover the expenses** requested by the journal. Please see the Appendix below for the agreement.

Once again, we thank you for your time and dedication in completing a Cochrane review.

Best wishes,

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THE COCHRANE HANDBOOK FOR SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS OF INTERVENTIONS

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APPENDIX TO THE COCHRANE MANUAL (please check the most recent version of the Cochrane Manual to ensure the most up to date list)
Co-publication agreements/correspondence with journal editors re publishing Cochrane Reviews

American Journal of Gastroenterology
Anesthesia and Analgesia [see correspondence below]
Archives of Dermatology
British Journal of Dermatology
British Journal of Surgery [see correspondence below]
British Medical Journal
BMJ Publishing Group's specialist journals (all)
Cancer Treatment Review (CTR) [see editorial in CTR 2003;29:149]
Climacteric [see correspondence below]
Cochlear Implants International [see ENT Group correspondence below]
Colorectal Disease [see correspondence below]
Diseases of Colon and Rectum
European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery (EJVES)
Health Education Journal [see correspondence below]
Human Reproduction
HNO [see ENT Group correspondence below]
International Journal of Epidemiology [see correspondence below]
International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology [see ENT Group correspondence below]
JAMA [see correspondence below]
Journal of Audiological Medicine [see ENT Group correspondence below]
Journal of General Internal Medicine [see correspondence below]
Journal of Health Services Research and Policy [see correspondence below]
Journal of Human Hypertension [see correspondence below]
Journal of Laryngology and Otology [see ENT Group correspondence below]
Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology
Journal of the National Cancer Institute [see correspondence below]
Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry [see correspondence below]
Journal of Rheumatology [see correspondence below]
Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing (Journal of WOCN)
Obstetrics and Gynecology [see correspondence below]
South African Medical Journal [see correspondence below]
Stroke

Correspondence from Co-ordinating Editors re publishing Cochrane Reviews:

From: Peter Tugwell, Co-ordinating Editor, Musculoskeletal Group
Sent: 18 September 2002
To: DA Gordon, Journal of Rheumatology
920 Yonge Street, Suite 115,
Toronto, ON
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Re: Simultaneous publication of Cochrane Reviews in *The Journal of Rheumatology*

Thank you for the confirmation of your support of the arrangements to submit our Cochrane Reviews simultaneously to *The Journal of Rheumatology* and the Cochrane Library. This letter is to ensure that we are clear on the process.

As discussed, upon submission we will send you:

- 1) A cover letter endorsing the Cochrane review
- 2) Copies of two external referees' assessments of the Cochrane review
- 3) Four copies of the Cochrane review, including tables and graphs, as well as an electronic copy on disk as per *The Journal of Rheumatology* author guidelines.(**)

We understand that Cochrane Reviews submitted by this process will not normally be peer-reviewed again, and the time frame for publication may vary from time of submission but will usually be between three to six months. In *The Cochrane Library* the Cochrane review will cite *The Journal of Rheumatology* as a co-publication when posted (or cited as "in press" if posted prior to print publication). We anticipate that *The Journal of Rheumatology* might receive approximately 8 Cochrane Reviews for publication a year.

Many thanks for your ongoing support of The Cochrane Collaboration and, in particular, the Musculoskeletal Group.

Sincerely,
Peter Tugwell.

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