

#### Introduction to RevMan

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## Steps of a systematic review

- define the question
- 2. plan eligibility criteria
- 3. plan methods
- 4. search for studies
- apply eligibility criteria
- 6. collect data
- 7. assess studies for risk of bias
- 8. analyse and present results
- 9. interpret results and draw conclusions
- improve and update review



#### **Outline**

- RevMan and Archie
- working with RevMan





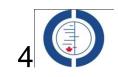


## Review Manager (RevMan)

- mandatory software for writing and publishing your review
- available from <a href="http://ims.cochrane.org/revman">http://ims.cochrane.org/revman</a>
- free for Cochrane authors and academic use







# Archie

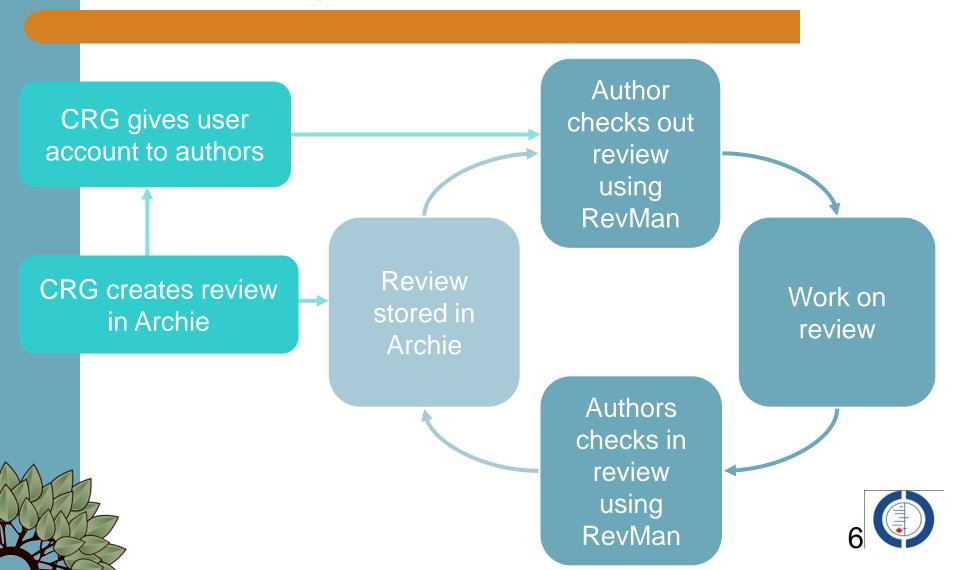
- Cochrane Collaboration central database
  - stores all reviews and contact information
  - The Cochrane Library is published directly from Archie
- use RevMan to access reviews in Archie
  - need a user account and password (ask your CRG)







# Accessing your review



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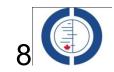
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#### RevMan works with

- all Cochrane review types
  - interventions
  - methodology
  - diagnostic test accuracy studies
  - overview of reviews
- multiple platforms
  - Windows
  - Macintosh
  - Linux



## Working with RevMan

- for protocols, reviews and updates
  - writing the text
  - statistical analysis
  - reference management
  - submission for editorial review and publication

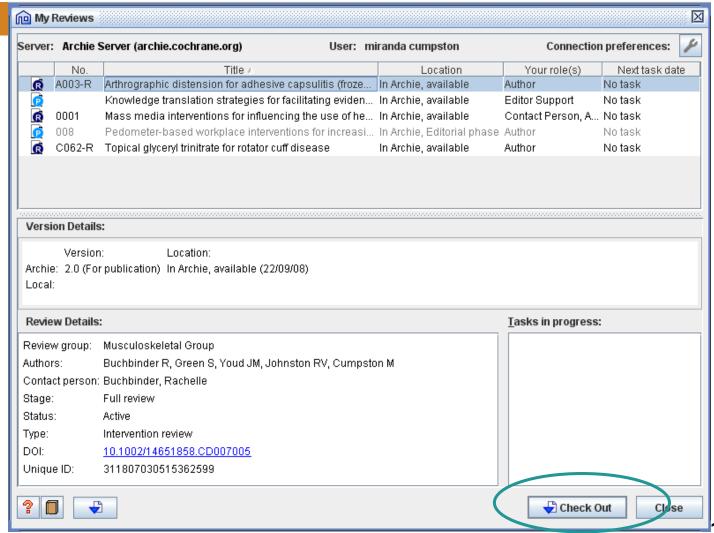


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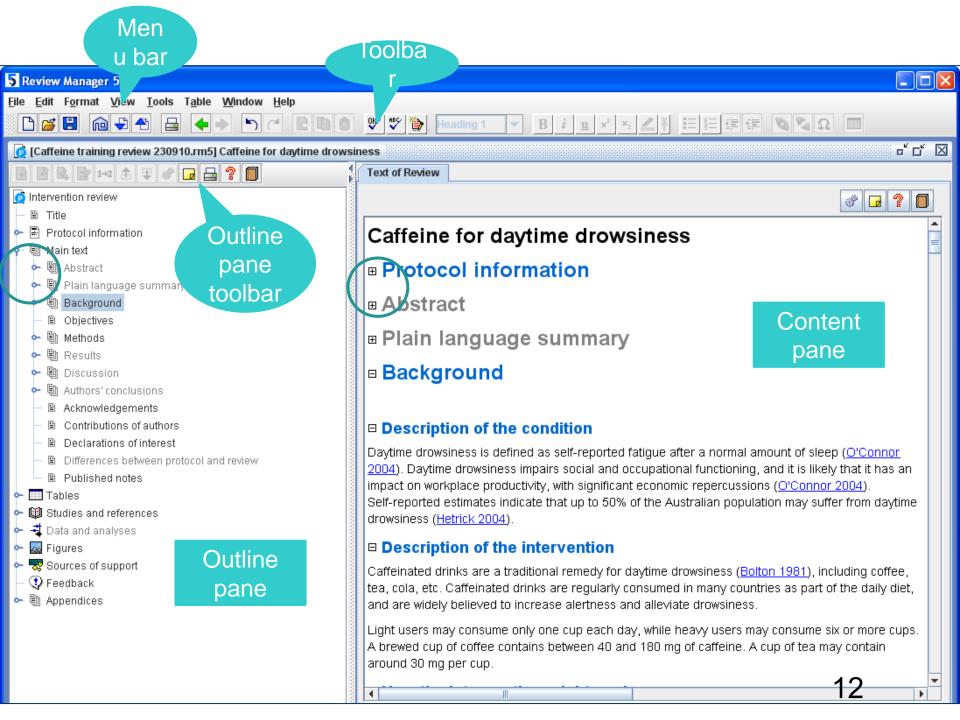


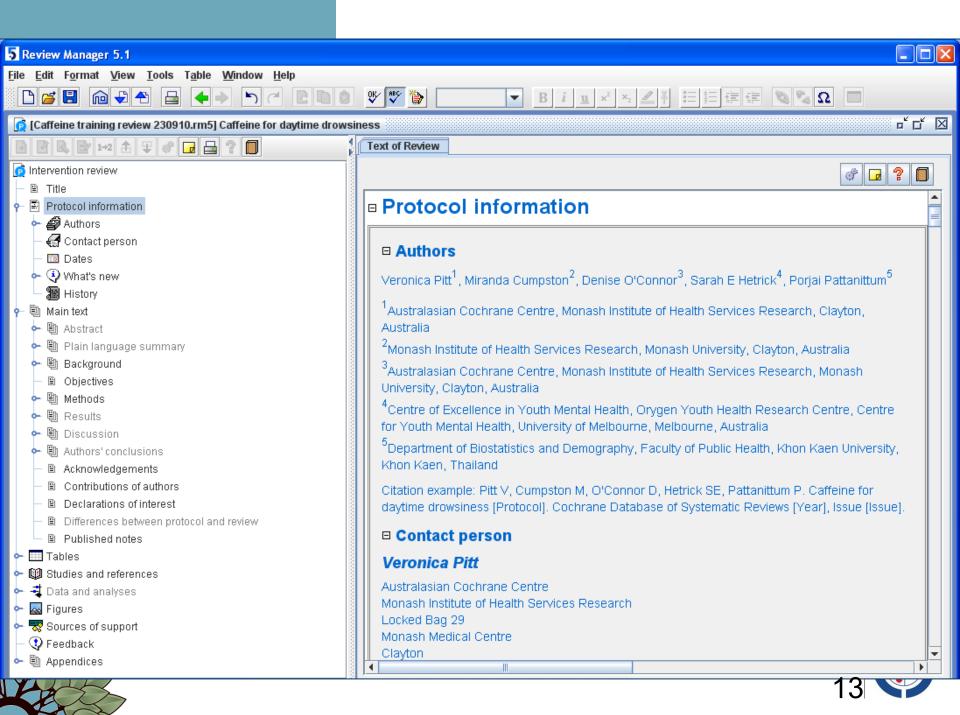


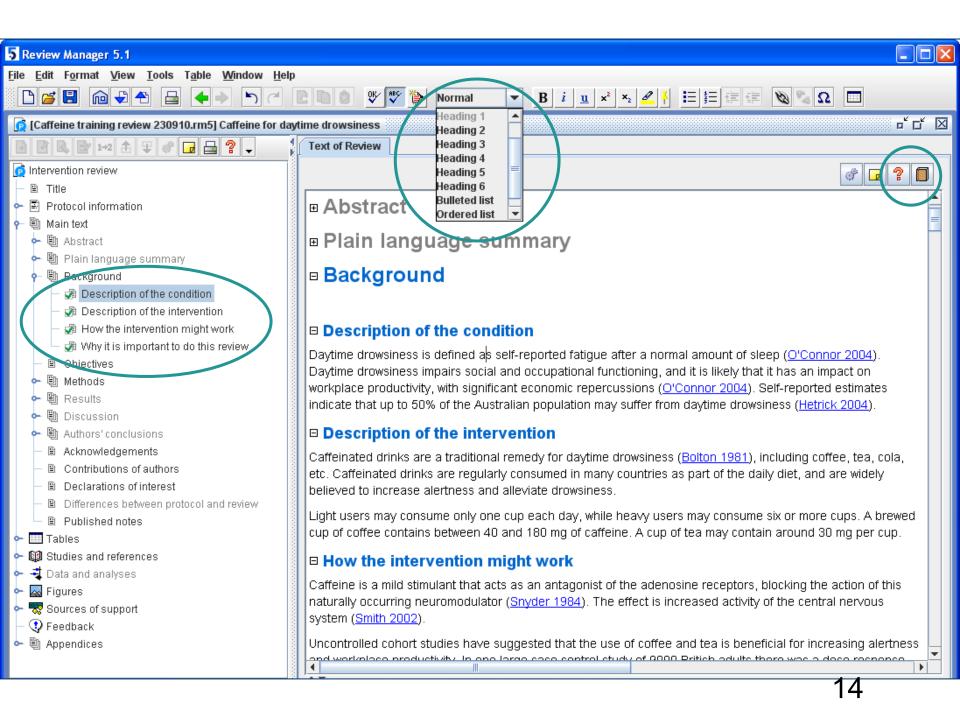
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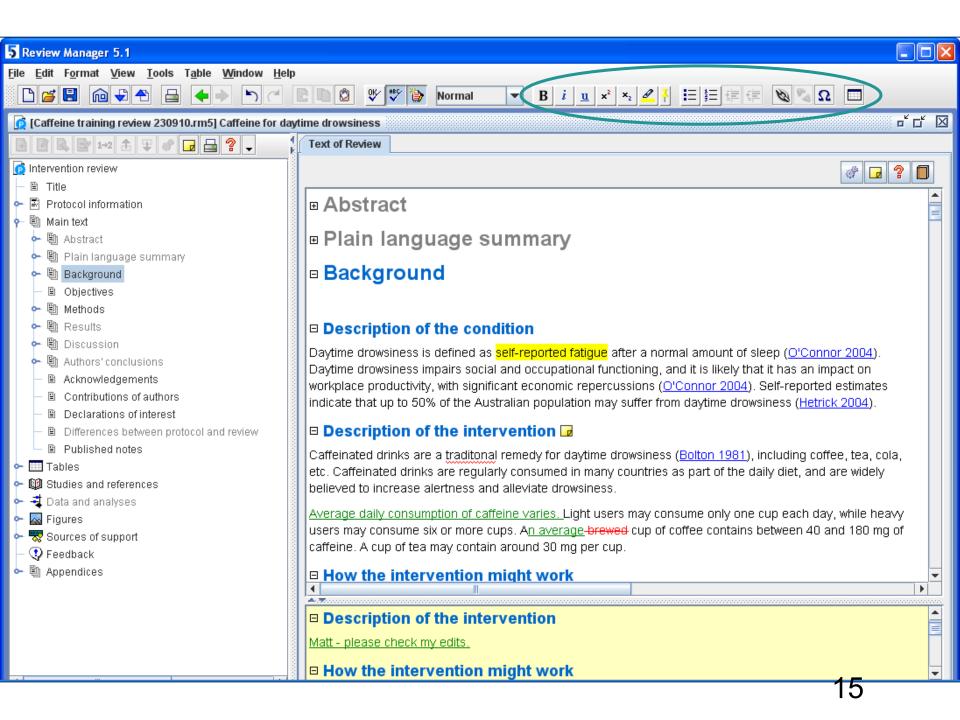


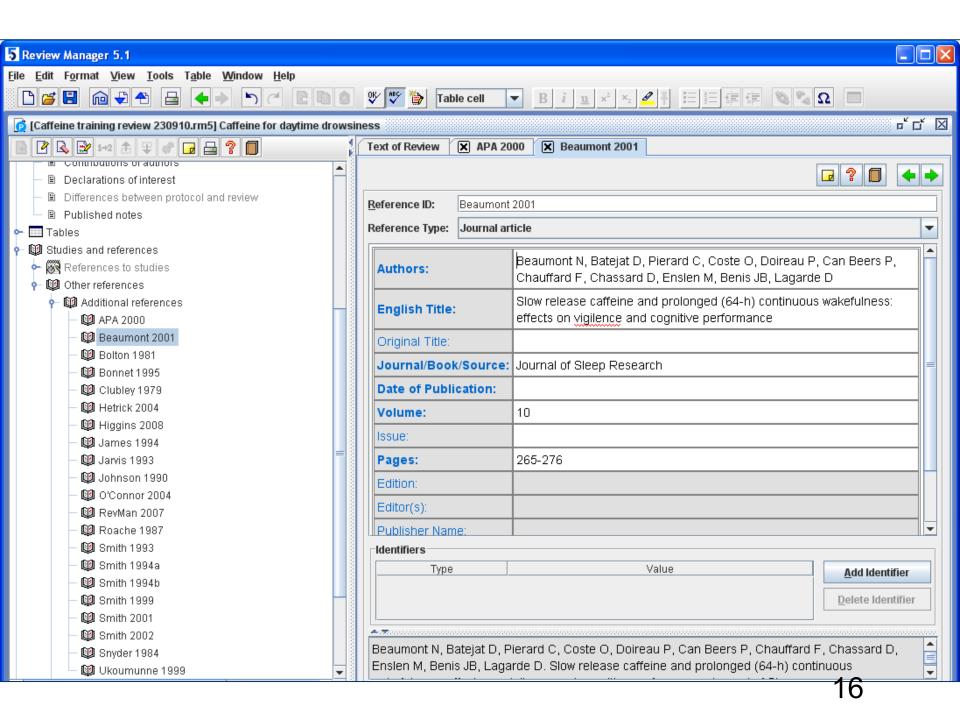


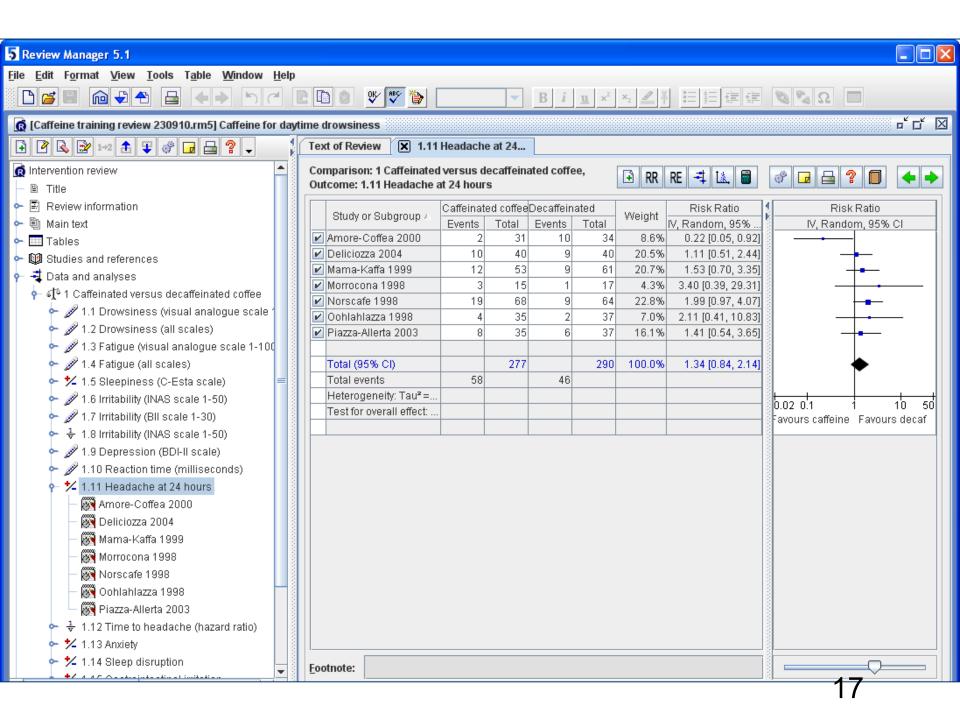


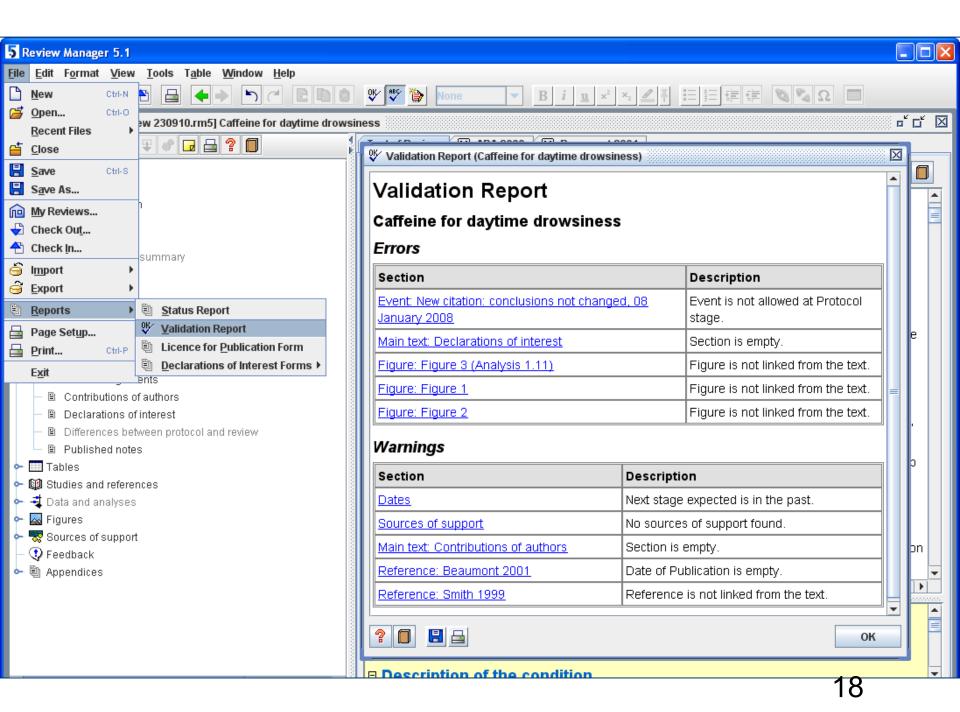












## How to get help

- documentation
  - from the Help Menu: User Guide, online help, tutorial
  - context-specific Help
  - IMS website at <a href="http://ims.cochrane.org">http://ims.cochrane.org</a>
- if you need assistance
  - ask your CRG
  - RevMan discussion forum at www.cochrane.org/forums/software/revman
  - your local Centre may provide training and support



## Take home message

- RevMan is the software you will use to write your review
- you will need a user name and password to access your review file in the Archie database
- help is available



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