

Diversity of sex and country of origin among Cochrane authors

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The Problem

The movement for **women's rights** began in the 20th century. Gender differences are still a problem in many areas, including research. According to the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), only **28.8% of researchers around the world are women. Economic differences** between countries are also striking:

- 36 countries are developed economies;
- 17 are economies in transition;
- 126 are developing economies.

Objectives

To assess the sex and country of origin of Cochrane review authors (Issue 3, 2019).

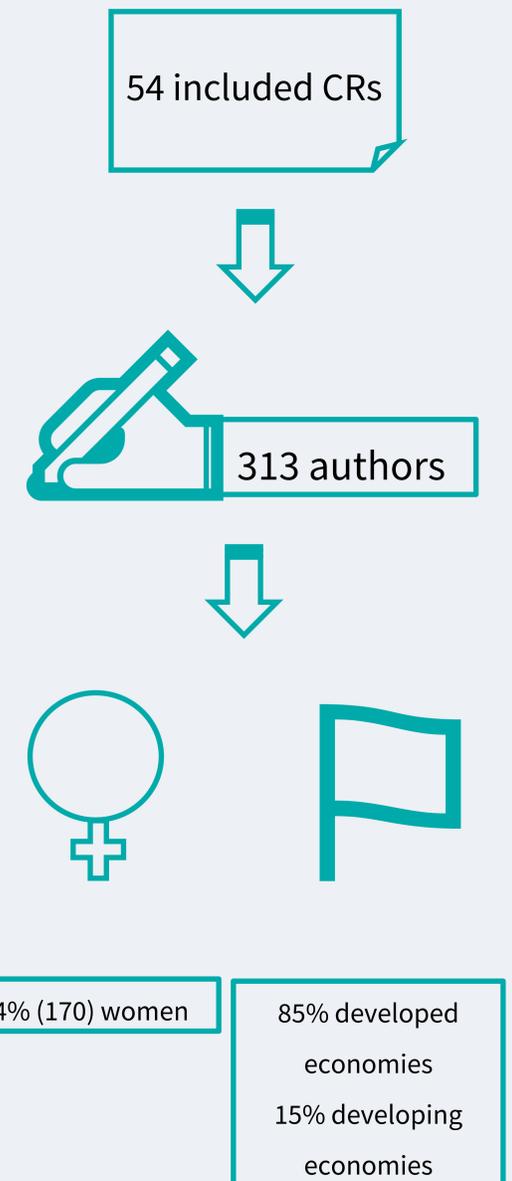
Sex disparities remain in several fields, including research. It is important that some equity between countries and inside countries is achieved, as United Nations proposes at Sustainable Development Goals. Cochrane Reviews showed balance between male and female authors. Country of origin of the corresponding author: may indicate that actions are necessary to identify the reasons for the limited involvement of authors from developing countries in Cochrane Reviews

To develop strategies to **increase participation**:

- Training activities;
- Dissemination of Cochrane Review results.

Key Results

Number and sex of authors
Corresponding author's country of origin (in accordance to the UN/DESA classification [2])



No author was from a country identified as having an economy in transition.

Considering the **collaborative spirit** of Cochrane, it is essential to ensure **equality** in the participation of authors from **all genders** and **all nationalities** in the development of systematic reviews.



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