

## ***RevMan 5 installation and connection settings***

Technical instructions for IT administrators

### **Background**

#### **The Cochrane Collaboration**

The Cochrane Collaboration is an international not-for-profit and independent organization, dedicated to making up-to-date, accurate information about the effects of healthcare readily available worldwide. Its primary product is The Cochrane Library, which contains systematic reviews of healthcare interventions. For more information see: [www.cochrane.org](http://www.cochrane.org) and [www.thecochranelibrary.com](http://www.thecochranelibrary.com).

#### **RevMan**

Review Manager (RevMan) is the official software of the Cochrane Collaboration, and authors submitting systematic reviews for publication in The Cochrane Library must use RevMan to prepare their manuscript. If your organisation requires a signed version of this letter, authors can request this from the Cochrane Collaboration Secretariat at [secretariat@cochrane.org](mailto:secretariat@cochrane.org).

RevMan's license allows it to be used free of charge for preparing Cochrane reviews; as well as for other purely academical uses. See the license agreement for full details. RevMan is developed by the Nordic Cochrane Centre, Rigshospitalet, Denmark. The RevMan 5 installer is code-signed to Rigshospitalet by Verisign.

For more information about RevMan and other Cochrane software, see: [www.cc-ims.net](http://www.cc-ims.net).

### **Installation**

Download and run the installer for the desired platform from: [www.cc-ims.net/RevMan/](http://www.cc-ims.net/RevMan/).

RevMan is built using Java Swing and will in addition to the program code install its own version of the Java Runtime Environment.

### **Server connection**

The Cochrane Collaboration hosts a central server, Archie, that is used for document management, storage and versioning. RevMan acts as a client to the Archie server, allowing users to check review documents out and back in.

**Note:** Non-Cochrane users cannot connect to the Archie server.

RevMan connects via a SOAP webservice over HTTP, port 80, to transfer XML documents.

A standard RevMan installation should be able to connect to the following addresses:

- [archie.cochrane.org](http://archie.cochrane.org) (130.226.106.162).– the main Cochrane server, used for live data.
- [training.archie.cochrane.org](http://training.archie.cochrane.org) (130.226.106.133) – used for training sessions.

### **Testing the connection**

Exchanging documents with Archie requires that you login with a user name and password. But anybody can test the connection by using Help > Check For Updates. If successful, this will return a message about whether an update is available.

### **Proxy server**

If your network uses a proxy for HTTP traffic, you can specify the proxy settings in RevMan's Preferences: use Tools > Preferences and go to the Server tab. You can here specify the proxy address and port, and, if your proxy server requires users to login, their user name and password.

### **More help**

Please contact [revman-techsupport@cochrane.dk](mailto:revman-techsupport@cochrane.dk) if you require further technical assistance.