

*Statement from authors:*

We confirm that we agree to retract our Methods article and submit for publication in a different appropriate journal.

The Cochrane Library has a specific policy restricting COI that goes beyond typical journal disclosure requirements. As outlined in the Retraction statement, we were invited to publish this article on AI methods in our platform, we fully disclosed our conflicts, the editors were aware we were the platform's developers, and no scientific misconduct was found, but this policy still applies to all contents of CESM. While we are saddened to have a retraction on our records and feel like our work speaks for itself, we understand and support this path forward, which maintains Cochrane Library policies while enabling us to transparently publish our AI platform's methods elsewhere.

We hope that our experience helps the research and publishing community identify a clear and proper approach and venue for platform developers such as ourselves to transparently publish methods for scientific research tools.

To my understanding, the Research Integrity team is aware of the history I've stated above, but to ensure they have an opportunity to weigh in I have informed them that I plan to answer the questions regarding the history, agreement, and path forward. I hope that your publication regarding this retraction will show the complexity presented here for both the Research Integrity team and authors and takes this statement and one from the Wiley, Cochrane: Evidence Synthesis and Methods, and/or Research Integrity team.