Cochran Systematic Review Update Dataset Structure and Manual

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The dataset consists of 25 Intervention Cochrane reviews. For each review, it contains information for both the original and updated version of the review. This include:

- Review title.
- Boolean query.
- PMID, title, abstract and MeSH for each study returned from search.
- PMIDs for included studies.
- Review keywords.
- Terms and MeSH execrated from the Boolean query.

The structure of the dataset is illustrated in Figure 1.

The dataset is available in GitHub repository as a pickle file format (update_dataset.pkl) which can be accessed using the following Python code:

```
import pickle
reviews = pickle.load(open('reviews.pkl','rb'))
```

To access the list of PMIDs of included studies based on abstract level:

```
#for the original review
abs_included = reviews['CD000155']['included']['original_ids']
#for the updated review
abs_included = reviews['CD000155']['included']['update_ids']
```

To access the full records of search results for the original review:

```
search_results = {}
for review in reviews:
search_results[review] = reviews[review]['search_results']['
original_records']
```

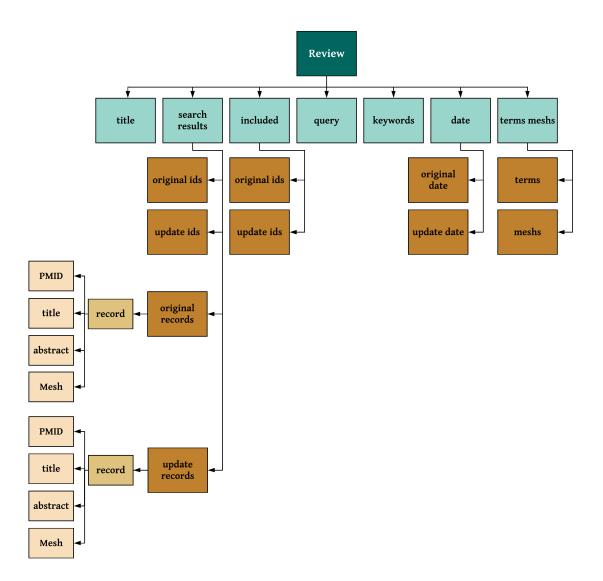


Figure 1: The Structure of the Cochran Update Dataset.