Overview of advantages and disadvantages of the citation managers RefWorks, Mendeley and Zotero

	Teamwork	Advantages	Disadvantages
New RefWorks	• Possible to work on team projects and hereby sharing the references. • Possible to collaborate on documents with RW-references.	• Import from most catalogues and databases rather simple and fast. • Possible to import Pdf-files. • Possible to annotate and highlight the Pdf-files. • Compatible with Google Docs. • After graduation or termination of your employment at UvA you can still use your account.	• Slow when importing simultaneously large amounts of references, therefore not suitable for systematic reviews. • Not compatible with Libre Office.
Mendeley Reference Manager + Word Add-on: Mendeley Cite	References can be shared and edited. Full text can be jointly annotated in private groups.	• Possible to import PDF-files. • Possible to annotate and highlight the PDF-files, within a group as well. • Fast processing of large numbers of references. • Via UvA access to the Institutional Edition: possible to collaborate with up to 100 people in many groups, 100 GB private and 100 GB shared storage space. • Compatible with Libre Office.	• Mendeley Cite does not support footnote styles. • Not compatible with Google Docs. • Deduplication of references is not transparent. When importing, the references are automatically deduplicated. Therefore not suitable for systematic reviews. • Direct import with Web Importer doesn't work sufficiently in CataloguePlus and many databases, it is necessary to save the references as RIS file. • References from RIS files may be missing • Alumni who don't have an account yet, can't use the Institutional Edition. • After graduation or termination of your employment, you have rights to use the Institutional Edition for one more year.
Zotero	• References can be shared and edited within the group. • Collaboration on documents with Zotero references.	• Possible to import PDF files. • Fast processing of large number of references. • Possible to import directly from PubMed. • Easy import of web pages. • Compatible with Google Docs and Libre Office.	• Not possible to create or adjust citation styles. • Limited storage (max 300 MB), expansion possible for $ 20-120 per year. • Direct import from Google Scholar only possible from the first 1 or 2 screens. • Direct import from Ebsco, Proquest and Science Direct databases does not work sufficiently for several titles at once.