



## Review and Methods Digest



Dear Colleagues

The latest issue for the Reviews and Methods Digest is published below. As ever we welcome feedback, and also submitted content that you would like us to include.

With best wishes, Karla

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### **1) Cochrane's Editor in Chief leave of absence**

For news regarding David Tovey's absence, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

### **2) Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions – NEW CHAPTERS**

The following chapters are updated: 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 21 with MECIR standards where relevant. PDF versions are available [here](#). Archie Login is needed.

The new chapters include minor edits to improve clarity and some limited new material. There are no substantive changes to methods. Further information on the progress of a major review of Handbook content and new chapters is [here](#).

### **3) Cochrane Review Support Programme (CRSP) funding: 12 successful titles**

We are pleased to announce the 12 successful titles from the fourth Cochrane Review Support Programme (CRSP) funding round:

1. Adverse events in patients taking macrolide antibiotics versus placebo for any indication (Cochrane Acute Respiratory Infections)
2. Cognitive behaviour therapy versus standard care for schizophrenia (Cochrane Schizophrenia)
3. Continence outcomes in pelvic organ prolapse surgery (Cochrane Gynaecology and Fertility)
4. Fluoride toothpastes of different concentrations for preventing dental caries (Cochrane Oral Health)
5. Methods of consumer involvement in developing healthcare policy and research, clinical practice guidelines and patient information material (Cochrane Consumers and Communication)
6. Mobile phone based interventions for improving adherence to medication prescribed for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease (Cochrane Heart)
7. Peri-operative interventions in pelvic organ prolapse surgery (Cochrane Gynaecology and Fertility)
8. Saline irrigation for allergic rhinitis (Cochrane ENT)
9. Selective noradrenaline re-uptake-inhibitors (SNRIs) for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in adults (Cochrane Developmental, Psychosocial and Learning Problems)
10. Surgery for women with posterior compartment prolapse (Cochrane Gynaecology and Fertility)
11. Treatment for lupus nephritis (Cochrane Kidney and Transplant)
12. Very early versus delayed mobilisation after stroke (Cochrane Stroke)

We received 17 applications (19 reviews) from 13 groups. To evaluate the applications we convened an international assessment panel comprised of nine Cochrane contributors and consumers of Cochrane reviews, who generously shared their time and expertise:

- Dr Corrado Barbui, WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health and Service Evaluation, Department of Neuroscience, Biomedicine and Movement Sciences, Section of Psychiatry, University of Verona, Verona, Italy
- Dr Urbà González, Unit of Dermatology, CLÍNICA GO&FER, Barcelona, Spain
- Prof Sally Green, Australasian Cochrane Centre, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- Dr Richard Lehman, Hightown Surgery, Oxford, UK
- Prof Ashraf F Nabhan, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Medicine, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt
- Dr Susan Norris, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
- Dr Mbah P Okwen, Centre for the Development of Best Practices in Health, Yaoundé Central Hospital, Yaoundé, Cameroon
- Dr Sera Tort, Cochrane Editorial Unit, London, UK
- Dr Ronaldo Zonta, Secretary of Health of Florianópolis, Florianópolis, Brazil

The next funding round will open in September 2017 and will be advertised via the usual Cochrane communication channels.

#### **4) 2016 Impact Factor for Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews is 6.124**

The 2016 Journal Citation Report (JCR) has just been released by Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson ISI), and we are pleased to announce that Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) Impact Factor is now 6.124. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#)

#### **5) Early bird registration for the Global Evidence Summit – closes TODAY 30 June 2017**

A reminder that the deadline for early bird registration for the Global Evidence Summit is today - Register before the **30 June 2017** to get over 11% off the standard ticket price for the GES.

Find out more about what's on the programme on the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **6) Call for nominations for Cochrane prizes and awards ends TODAY 30 June 2017**

Every year Cochrane awards members of its community a range of prizes that highlight high-quality methodological research through to supporting health decision-making in developing countries, and contributors who have made a significant contribution to the enhancement of female participation within our organization. The prizes and awards that are presented at the

annual Colloquia will this year be awarded at the [Global Evidence Summit](#) in Cape Town, South Africa on 14 September.

Submissions to the Kenneth Warren, Chris Silagy, and Bill Silverman Prizes as well as the Anne Anderson Award are now open. You have until the 30 June 2017 to make your nominations. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **7) Cochrane Scientific Committee - UPDATE**

The Scientific Committee met for the first time on the 18th May 2017. A successful meeting started with members agreeing their terms of reference and processes. The committee discussed three key new developments: “Risk of Bias” tool 2.0, the risk of bias tool for nonrandomized studies (ROBINS-I), and statistical techniques to address Type I and II errors in cumulative meta-analyses. The committee will provide statements of their recommendations shortly. We also hope to confirm shortly the names of two Co-chairs to support this committee’s work.

#### **8) Invitation to attend Knowledge Translation (KT) community webinars: 5 & 6 July 2017**

You are invited to attend one of two KT webinars to share your ideas and knowledge:

- Wednesday 5 July at 20:00 BST
- Thursday 6 July at 12:00 BST

The KT framework and implementation priorities for the next two years will be discussed, and there will be opportunities for you to be a part of its future development. Everyone is welcome to join either webinar and they will be made freely available on the Cochrane Community site. For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

#### **9) Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE): membership reminder**

The Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE; <https://publicationethics.org/about>) is a forum for editors and publishers to discuss all aspects of publication ethics. All Cochrane Review Groups are members of COPE, via Wiley. COPE provides advice on ethical issues and runs events (for members and non-members), as well as producing a range of guidance, flowcharts, and other resource (see <https://publicationethics.org/resources>). Each Cochrane Review Group can access the member areas of the COPE website, including access to COPE eLearning modules and the ethical audit tool. Contact Tony Aburrow ([taburrow@wiley.com](mailto:taburrow@wiley.com)), Associate Editor at Wiley, to obtain a password. There is also information on COPE membership in the [Editorial and Publishing Policy Resource](#).

#### **10) GRADE and GRADE-CERQual training event - outcomes**

A successful training event led by Holger Schunemann and Claire Glenton provided up to date information on applying GRADE to both effectiveness reviews and reviews synthesizing qualitative research and covered joint principles. Forty-five participants from Iran, Syria, Malaysia, India, Australia, Canada, US and Europe attended this event in Modena, Italy and we are grateful to our hosts at Cochrane Italy Centre for supporting this event and in particular, Centre director Roberto D'Amico.

### 11) Living Systematic Reviews are going live!

Cochrane's [Project Transform](#) team, in partnership with the LSR Network, have been working away for some time on the methods, and production and publication processes needed for Cochrane to be able to pilot Living Systematic Reviews (LSRs). After successful meetings and events at the Cochrane Colloquium in Seoul, and a recent two-day workshop following the Canadian Cochrane Symposium, the pilots are very nearly 'go for launch'! For more information, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

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