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## *Happy Holidays!*

*Dear CMSG members,*

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued dedication and outstanding support. Without you, CMSG could not be what it has become today.*

*We wish you happy holidays and new year; may it bring love and joy.*

*Sincerely,*

*The CMSG team*



## The Cochrane Musculoskeletal Review Group

The Cochrane Musculoskeletal Review Group (CMSG) is one of 50 groups that are part of the Cochrane Collaboration. Cochrane is an international organization that aims to help people make well informed decisions about health care by preparing, maintaining and promoting reviews of the effects of health care treatments.

The CMSG editorial base is in Ottawa, Canada, and Melbourne, Australia, and has members who are health care professionals, researchers and consumers from around the world.

Reviews produced by the CMSG cover many areas of musculoskeletal conditions, such as gout, lupus, fibromyalgia, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, paediatric rheumatology, soft tissue conditions, spondyloarthropathy, systemic sclerosis and vasculitis.

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# WHAT'S NEW AT THE CMSG

## New Editor

Welcome to Tania Winzenberg as a new member of our editorial board!

Dr. Winzenberg is a GP with a PhD in Clinical Epidemiology, specialised in the area of life-style change promotion for osteoporosis prevention in young women and children. She is also on the editorial boards of the Australian Family Physicians and Clinical Medicine: Case Reports. Furthermore, she is developing a research program in primary health care area, addressing at chronic diseases prevention and management, particularly for musculoskeletal conditions. We are certain that Dr. Winzenberg's expertise will bring great value to the work of the CMSG.

## CMSG Reviews & Protocols

We are pleased to announce that a total of 111 reviews and 84 protocols have been published in the Cochrane Library. Many thanks to all our authors!

The following reviews were submitted for publication in January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

### New and Updated REVIEWS– Issue 1, 2009

- Mertens & Singh. Anakinra for rheumatoid arthritis.
- Birger Hangen et al. Dietary interventions for rheumatoid arthritis.
- Peters-Valuthamaningal et al. Corticosteroid injection for trigger finger in adults.
- Towheed et al. Glucosamine therapy for treating osteoarthritis. (update)

### New and Updated PROTOCOLS– Issue 1, 2009

- Silva et al. Balance training (proprioceptive training) for patients with rheumatoid arthritis.
- Ruiz Garcia et al. Certolizumab pegol (CDP870) for rheumatoid arthritis.
- Hill et al. Steroid sparing drug treatments for giant cell arthritis. (update)
- Whittle et al. Steroid sparing drug treatments for polymyalgia rheumatica. (update)

## *Thank you to our consumers*

Many thanks to the following consumers who have looked at a review or protocol and given their thoughtful comments this year. Your support is much appreciated!!

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## *Thank you to our peer reviewers*

We would like to thank all our peer reviewers. The following have contributed to reviews published in 2008.

◆ Devdeep Ahuja	Emma Guymer	Stephanie C. Petter-son
◆ Jen Alviar	Lisa Hartling	Lisa Pogany
◆ Peter Amadio	Joanne Homik	Rotraud K Saurenmann
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## Top 50 Accessed Reviews

The Cochrane Top 50 Accessed Articles list was formulated by Wiley and published on the Cochrane website. The following CMSG reviews have made the list:

- Acupuncture for shoulder pain (2005) Green S, Buchbinder R, Hetrick S
- Glucosamine therapy for treating osteoarthritis (2005) Towheed TE, Maxwell L, Anastassiades TP, Shea B, Houpt J, Robinson V, Hochberg MC, Wells G
- Surgery for thumb (trapeziometacarpal joint) osteoarthritis (2005) Wajon A, Ada L, Edmunds I
- Physiotherapy intervention for shoulder pain (2003) Green S, Buchbinder R, Hetrick S
- Diacerein for osteoarthritis (2005) Fidelix TSA, Soares BGDO, Trevisani VF M
- Colchicine for acute gout (2006) Schlesinger N, Schumacher R, Catton M, Maxwell L

## Conversions to RevMan5

We are pleased to announce that all CMSG reviews and protocols have been converted into RevMan 5 format!

**NOTE:** Some authors may experience difficulty while checking in a review they have been updating. If that is the case, please ensure to contact us at [cmsg@uottawa.ca](mailto:cmsg@uottawa.ca) and we will help you resolve this problem.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**NOTE:** Open learning materials have not been updated. Consequently, references to any specific sections apply to the old handbook. Furthermore, they may not contain new methods.

**Reminder:** Please keep in mind there have been a few changes in terminology with RevMan5. These include using the term Risk Ratio instead of relative risk and review authors instead of reviewers.

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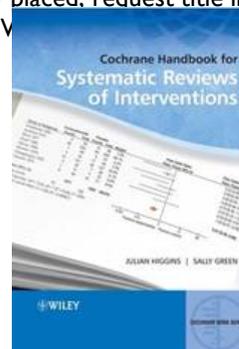
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



We are pleased to announce that the OMERACT 10 conference on Outcome Measures in Rheumatology is going to be held from 5 May - 9 May 2010 in Australasia.

More details to come soon!

### XVII COCHRANE COLLOQUIUM



**When: October 11, - 14, 2009**

**Where: Singapore**

Join us at the 17th Cochrane Colloquium in Singapore!

The brochure can be accessed at [www.colloquium.info/2009](http://www.colloquium.info/2009)

where you will find the program, important dates and deadlines, as well as information on Singapore.

Be sure to visit again in February for more details.



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