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NEW REVIEWS

209. Terlipressin versus other vasoactive drugs for hepatorenal syndrome. Israelsen M, Krag A, Allegretti AS, Jovani M, Goldin AH, Winter RW, Glud LL.

210. Glucocorticosteroids for people with alcoholic hepatitis. Pavlov CS, Varganova DL, Casazza G, Tsochatzis E, Nikolova D, Glud C.

211. Vitamin D supplementation for chronic liver diseases in adults. Bjelakovic G, Nikolova D, Bjelakovic M, Glud C.

212. Gemcitabine-based chemotherapy for advanced biliary tract carcinomas. Abdel-Rahman O, Elsayed Z, Elhalawani H.

213. Laparoscopic-endoscopic rendezvous versus preoperative endoscopic sphincterotomy in people undergoing laparoscopic cholecystectomy for stones in the gallbladder and bile duct. Vettoretto N, Arezzo A, Famiglietti F, Cirocchi R, Moja L, Morino M.

UPDATED REVIEWS

82. Direct-acting antivirals for chronic hepatitis C. Jakobsen JC, Nielsen EE, Feinberg J, Katakam KK, Fobian K, Hauser G, Poropat G, Djuricic S, Weiss KH, Bjelakovic M, Bjelakovic G, Klingenberg SL, Liu JP, Nikolova D, Koretz RL, Glud C.

83. Maintenance immunosuppression for adults undergoing liver transplantation: a network meta-analysis. Rodríguez-Perálvarez M, Guerrero-Misas M, Thorburn D, Davidson BR, Tsochatzis E, Gurusamy KS.

84. Interventions for paracetamol (acetaminophen) overdose. Chiew AL, Glud C, Brok J, Buckley NA.

85. Glucocorticosteroid-free versus glucocorticosteroid-containing immunosuppression for liver transplanted patients. Fairfield C, Penninga L, Powell J, Harrison EM, Wigmore SJ.

NEW OR MAJOR UPDATED PROTOCOLS

358. Postoperative adjuvant chemotherapy for resectable cholangiocarcinoma. Luvira V, Satitkarnmanee E, Pugkhem A, Kietpeerakool C, Lumbiganon P, Kamsa-ard S, Pattanittum P.

359. Selective versus routine intraoperative cholangiography for cholecystectomy. Kleinubing DR, Riera R, Matos D, Linhares MM.

FEEDBACK ON PUBLISHED PROTOCOLS OR REVIEWS

Feedback has been received on the review protocol "Aluminium adjuvants used in vaccines versus placebo or no intervention" by Djuricic S, Jakobsen JC, Petersen SB, et al, and the review "Direct-acting antivirals for chronic hepatitis C" by Jakobsen JC, Nielsen EE, Feinberg J, et al. The feedback and replies are already published in The Cochrane Library.

NEW REGISTERED TITLES

519. Stem cells for people with liver cirrhosis due to any cause. El-Nakeep S, Agwa S, Nabhan AF.

520. Treatment for bleeding oesophageal varices in people with advanced liver cirrhosis. A network meta-analysis. Roberts D, Tsochatzis E, Gurusamy KS.

521. The combination of transcatheter arterial chemoembolisation (TACE) and thermal ablation versus TACE alone for hepatocellular carcinoma. Liu B, Li W, Chen H.

522. Radix Sophorae flavescentis-based interventions versus antiviral drugs for chronic hepatitis B. Kong DZ, Liang N, Liu JP.

523. Total portosystemic shunt versus shunts preserving portal venous hepatic perfusion for variceal haemorrhage in people who have bled from oesophagogastric varices. Khan S, Ravichandran N, Ali M.

524. Prevention with hepatitis B virus antivirals of mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B virus in human immunodeficiency virus positive pregnant women co-infected with hepatitis B virus. Ugwu EO, Ugwu AO, Eleje GU, Nwagha U, Ikechebelu JI, Umeh A, Okafor H.

525. Acupuncture for chronic hepatitis B. Kong DZ, Liang N, Liu Y, Yang Y, Liu YQ, Wang QG, Zhang F, Zhang Z,

Zhang HY, Liu JP.

526. Exercise interventions for adults after liver transplantation. Pérez-Amate È, Roqué i Figuls M, Giné-Garriga M.

527. Bile acids for cholelithiasis. Gana JC, Gattini D, Villarroel del Pino LA, Larraín Castellón S, Yap J.

528. Antibiotic prophylaxis to prevent spontaneous bacterial peritonitis in people with liver cirrhosis: a network meta-analysis. Gurusamy KS, Wilson P, Tsochatzis E.

529. Antibiotic treatment for spontaneous bacterial peritonitis in people with decompensated liver cirrhosis. A network meta-analysis. Gurusamy KS, Wilson P, Tsochatzis E.

530. Treatment for ascites in people with decompensated liver cirrhosis. A network meta-analysis. Gurusamy KS, Tsochatzis E.

531. Primary prevention of bleeding in people with oesophageal varices due to liver cirrhosis. A network meta-analysis. Gurusamy KS, Tsochatzis E.

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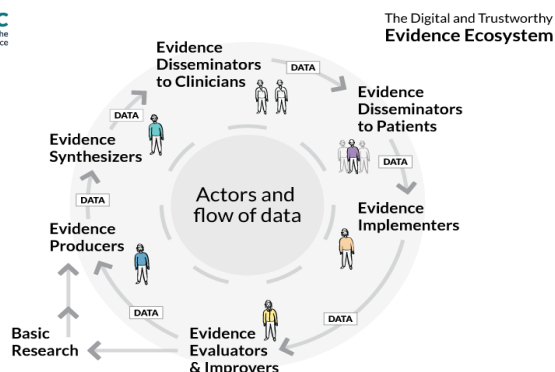
Cristina Manzotti from Italy attended the course.

Cristina is working on the "Total serum bile acids or serum bile acid profile, or both, for the diagnosis of intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy", expected to be submitted for editorial consideration by the end of June 2018.

2017 GLOBAL EVIDENCE SUMMIT. 12 TO 16 SEPTEMBER 2017, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

The conference brought together more than 1300 people from 75 countries, interested in the fields of health, education, and international development. The summit, with a theme "Using evidence. Improving life." was jointly organised by The Cochrane, The Campbell Collaboration, and some other groups to focus on evidence-based policy making across sectors. Topics included evidence mapping, systematic reviews, rapid reviews, standard and guideline setting, big data, and policy engagement. Presenters used the term 'evidence ecosystem' to denote the circular path of evidence; from study to policy.

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The CHBG review by Eke AC, Eleje GU, Eke UA, Xia Y, Liu J. Hepatitis B immunoglobulin during pregnancy for prevention of mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B virus. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2017, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD008545. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008545.pub2., won the Cochrane Kenneth Warren prize for 2017. Congratulations to the authors!

You can read the conference abstracts at cochranelibrary.com/cochrane-database-of-systematic-reviews/supplements.html; plenary presentations at [dropbox.com/sh/92ss8rp95q6i85y/AACImhbQ9P5Yo1J224FcwBgua?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/92ss8rp95q6i85y/AACImhbQ9P5Yo1J224FcwBgua?dl=0); videos of the sessions and see key highlights at [youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCo8P5_ppmQgih1lhcdn7zj7_NGaOnHG5](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCo8P5_ppmQgih1lhcdn7zj7_NGaOnHG5)

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The CHBG had an exhibition and it was well attended. We had a chance to meet again face to face with CHBG authors and editors, and welcome new people who wished to be involved in CHBG work.

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Naqash Sethi, Christian Gluud, and Janus Jakobsen, from Copenhagen Trial Unit/CHBG were among the trainers at the workshop for about 60 doctors, coming also from places close to Rijeka. The presentations were mostly on methodological issues such as

evidence from observational studies and randomised trials, risk of bias, sample size, heterogeneity, subgroup analyses, and sensitivity analyses of meta-analysis, etc. The workshop was organised by Davor Stimac, CHBG editor, Goran Poropat, Goran Hauser, and Christian Gluud. This workshop is run for a second time.

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Dimitrinka Nikolova and Christian Gluud were invited by the Russian Scientific Liver Society to give presentations on 23 of March. The clinical symposium was chaired by Chavdar Pavlov, and the talks presented were on conductance and publication of Cochrane systematic protocols and reviews (D. Nikolova), examples of Cochrane systematic review of interventions and diagnostic test accuracy studies (C. Pavlov) and evidence-based hepatology (C. Gluud). Lise Lotte Gluud presented a lecture based on the results of a CHBG review on carvedilol and other beta-blockers for treatment of portal hypertension in cirrhotic patients.

Judging from the audience and the feedback received from the congress organizers, the interest towards Cochrane reviews and evidence-based medicine in general was great; over 400 people were listening to our presentations.

We have established new contacts for which we are very happy. We believe that our already established collaboration with the Russian-CHBG research group, led by C Pavlov, Professor at the Clinic of Internal Diseases Propedeutics, I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University, and Professor at the Kazan Federal University in Kazan, will develop further and will educate more CHBG authors or peer reviewers in Russia. We thank all the organisers for making this event and our stay unforgettable.

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Janus Christian Jakobsen, the first author on “Direct-acting antivirals for chronic hepatitis C. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2017, Issue 9. Art. No.: CD012143. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD012143.pub3.” is invited by EASL to present the review on April 13 from 17:30 to 18:00. The challenger is Jean-Michel Pawlotsky, France. For details, please see p. 134 of the EASL programme; J Jakobsen’s presentation is listed below the session heading “Critical reflection on landmark papers 2017 West 2” (p. 133) <https://ilc-congress.eu/>.

The CHBG will also man a stand. Come to stand no. 728. We will be happy to see you.

COCHRANE COLLOQUIUM. 16 TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2018, EDINBURGH, UK

As there is a lot of information that might be of interest to our readers, we refer to the website of the event: <https://colloquium.cochrane.org/>. The theme of the colloquium is “Cochrane for all: making the Colloquium a 'Patients Included' event”.

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most welcome to pay us a visit. No CHBG affiliated meeting event is planned yet. Information will be posted on the CHBG web site (hbg.cochrane.org).

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De Zhao Kong and Ning Lian, from China, came in September 2018 to work on traditional Chinese medicine Cochrane reviews and some methodological papers. Both will spend a year and a half, working with us.

Goran Bjelakovic, from Serbia, visited us from January 21 to February 17, 2018. Goran worked on a review on vitamin A and mortality.

Chikwendu Jeffrey Ede, from South Africa, visited us from February 26 to March 9, 2018. Chikwendu finalized his systematic review “Surgical portosystemic shunts versus devascularisation procedures for prevention of variceal rebleeding in people with hepatosplenic schistosomiasis”.

Tea Stimac, from Croatia, paid us a short visit on March 6 to discuss future work on reviews and involvement of young physicians from Rijeka, Croatia. Marko Klarić and Ana-Maria Sopic, also from Croatia, came with Tea, and stayed four more days to learn about systematic review conductance.

We thank heartily all our visitors for their visit and Cochrane work.

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