Website Archive 2009

Changes with Issue 4, 2009

7 October 2009

See the lists of new and updated Cochrane reviews. See the record counts table for full details of numbers of records in this issue for all databases.

Podcasts from The Cochrane Library

Audio summaries of selected new and updated Cochrane Reviews, as well as an archive from 2008, are available at http://www.cochrane.org/podcasts.

Updates to the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL; Clinical Trials)

In this issue there are 21,371 new records including those downloaded from MEDLINE, EMBASE, specialised registers and handsearch results.
A search conducted by the UK Cochrane Centre for reports of trials in EMBASE has now been completed for records added to EMBASE in 2008, with 3389 records published in CENTRAL in this issue.

There are 42 specialised registers updated in this issue.

Changes with Issue 3, 2009

8 July 2009

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The Cochrane Library is now available on DVD

The CD-ROM version of the Library has now been replaced by a DVD. All you need is a DVD drive for the installation and once installed, the issue will operate exactly the same as the CD-ROM version. The Full installation will still require 3.5 GB of free space on the hard drive and the Limited installation option (1.7 GB) will continue to be available.

We have decided to move to DVD for technical, performance and environmental reasons. The DVD version will allow for quicker and easier installation, less packaging and fewer discs.

View the Access to Cochrane page for more information on how to order the DVD version of The Cochrane Library.

Important Impact Factor news

The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews received the 2008 Impact Factor of 5.182, ranked 12th out of 107 medical journals in the ISI category Medicine, General & Internal. For more information about the 2008 Impact Factor see our 2008 Impact Factor frequently asked questions.

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Updates to the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL; Clinical Trials)

In this issue there are 16982 new records including those downloaded from MEDLINE, EMBASE, specialised registers and handsearch results.
There are 42 specialised registers updated in this issue.

Changes with Issue 2, 2009

15 April 2009

See the lists of new and updated Cochrane reviews. See the record counts table for full details of numbers of records in this issue for all databases.

Changes to The Cochrane Library Functionality and Display

PDF optimization continues. In this issue:

• Summary of Findings tables are now in landscape format, giving more space to each column.
• Table font has changed to Swiss Condensed 9pt with "ragged right" justification, to make them easier to read.
• The shorter "Abstract" PDF has been renamed "Summary" PDF. This PDF still contains the same text (Abstract, Plain Language Summary and bibliographic data) but is now labelled "Summary" PDF. The "Standard" and "Full" PDFs remain the same as in previous issues.

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2009 MeSH Update to The Cochrane Library

This issue has been updated to use the 2009 MeSH thesaurus from the US National Library of Medicine (MeSH terms are present in most of Cochrane Reviews/CDSR, Other Reviews/DARE, Clinical Trials/CENTRAL records taken from MEDLINE, Technology Assessments/HTA and Economic Evaluations/NHS EED).

To assist users in better managing their saved searches, Wiley is providing a series of files which compare MeSH 2008 headings with MeSH 2009 headings. The files are as follows:
• replace2009.xls: This is an Excel spreadsheet with two lists: replaced2009, showing 2008 MeSH headings and their 2009 replacements; deleted2008: showing 2008 MeSH headings that do not exist in 2009 MeSH.
• mnchg2009.list.txt: This is the list of the 2759 MeSH descriptors that have changed position in the MeSH tree, either by moving wholesale or by having added or deleted positions.
• replace2009.txt: This is the NLM source file from which replace2009.xls was generated.
• mnchg2009.txt: This the NLM source file from which mnchg2009.list.txt was generated.
• mshnew2009.txt: This is the list of the 446 new MeSH descriptors that have been added in the 2009 MeSH tree.

Updates to the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL; Clinical Trials)

In this issue there are 15467 new records including those downloaded from MEDLINE, EMBASE, specialised registers and handsearch results.
There are 38 specialised registers updated in this issue.

Changes with Issue 1, 2009

21 January 2009

See the lists of new and updated Cochrane reviews. See the record counts table for full details of numbers of records in this issue for all databases.

Changes to The Cochrane Library Functionality and Display

Issue 1 introduces a new type of review – the Overviews of Reviews. These are intended primarily to overview multiple Cochrane intervention reviews addressing the effects of two or more potential interventions for a single condition or health problem. Cochrane Overviews highlight the Cochrane reviews that address these potential interventions and summarize their results for important outcomes. See the first overview of reviews protocol – Interventions for neovascular age-related macular degeneration in this issue. Overviews of Reviews have also been developed outside the Library and can be viewed in the Evidence-Based Child Health Journal: A Cochrane Review Journal at http://www.evidence-basedchildhealth.com.

PDF optimization work is in progress and users will see several improvements in this issue:

• Tables are now shaded and as a result much easier to interpret. This includes the Summary of Findings tables introduced in Issue 2, 2008 and also the What's New and History tables;
• Summary of Findings (SoF) tables now start on a new page making them more likely to fit one page and therefore easier to analyse. If they must break over a page, a rule has been implemented to break on a new row wherever possible;
• Summary of Findings tables have been re-named slightly. The first table is now referred to as Summary of findings for the main comparison. Any further tables are now referred to as Additional summary of findings to reduce repetition of headings;
• The spacing within these SoF tables continues to be worked on to reduce the amount of white space and encourage tables to fit onto a single page;
There have also been several bug fixes, including:
• The plain language summary no longer starts on a new page – it immediately follows the

end of the abstract;
• Links in the Standard PDF to Analyses and Appendices (which are not present in the Standard version) have been removed;
• Hyperlinks no longer overlap into the next column;
• Occurrences of HTML in the PDF headings are no longer present;
• Page references in the TOCs now correspond to their correct page;
• Missing data when tables continue onto the next page is now re-instated;
• Some errors with Data and Analyses are resolved;
• Table footnotes have been re-instated.

Here is a list of ongoing work in 2009:

• Spacing – those pages where only a few lines appear and then lots of blank space need to be examined;
• Uneven spacing between section headings and paragraphs – spacing needs to become consistent;
• Section headings or table headings appearing at the end of a page and text on the following page – the headings would ideally always start with the text;
• Hyphenation is not always logical;
• Text at the end of the page overlapping with the footer – the page needs to break sooner;
• Text in the left column sometimes starts lower down the page than the right column – this should be even;
• Monitor table text to make sure that no content is missing;
• Summary of Findings tables still require some work to make them more user-friendly.

Searching The Cochrane Library for reviews restricted by Group

Users are now able to restrict their searches to reviews within a specific group. The group code must be entered into the search box between double quotation marks, example: "HM-VASC" and Search all text must be selected from the drop down menu, used to limit the search.