

**Cochrane and Wikipedia:**  
**Improve online health-related information**  
**accessed by billions of people each year**

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**Trusted evidence.**  
**Informed decisions.**  
**Better health.**



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# Wikipedia and Medicine



- 211,552 medical articles, 274 languages
  - Individual articles: 1000+ views/day
  - Wikipedia > WHO, NIH, CDC
  - 2.2 billion views/year (2018 (English Wikipedia))

# Wikipedia Weekly Snapshot

Wikipedia Article	July 1-8 Weekly Article Views
Lyme Disease	64,804
Ketogenic Diet	62,000
Cannabidiol	57,000
Necrotizing fasciitis	51,000
Fentanyl	43,000
Crohn's Disease	40,000
Pneumonia	36,000
Measles	21,000
Tinnitus	21,000
Melanoma	18,000
Multiple Sclerosis	8,505

# **Goal of the Cochrane-Wikipedia Initiative:**

*Share knowledge and improve what people are accessing on Wikipedia*

## Wikipedia:WikiProject Medicine/Cochrane

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia  
< Wikipedia:WikiProject Medicine

Welcome | Getting Started | NEW! TRAINING RESOURCE | Cochrane Reviews on Wikipedia | Cochrane Update Project | Blogs | Other Projects | Cochrane Library | Wikipedia Research | Archive | Questions

### The Cochrane Wikipedia Partnership: Project Page

#### The Cochrane Wikipedia Partnership

[Cochrane](#) has a commitment to producing and sharing high quality health [evidence](#) to as broad an audience as possible. As a way of achieving this, Cochrane has a partnership with Wikipedia with a view to improving the reliable secondary sources such as recent [Cochrane Systematic Reviews](#) to help improve the reliability of freely available health information.

The initiative, that started in 2014, supports the inclusion of relevant evidence within all Wikipedia medical articles, as well as processes to help ensure that medical information included in Wikipedia is of the highest quality based research can help people to make informed decisions about their own health care.

We welcome all who want to help improve the evidence base of medical articles in Wikipedia. Whether you are a new to Wikipedia and Cochrane, or you are a seasoned Wikipedian or Cochrane contributor.

#### How can I get involved?

There are many ways to get involved, including adding new Cochrane evidence to Wikipedia and keeping evidence up to date on Wikipedia.

- **Add New Evidence to Wikipedia:** Choose a Cochrane Review from [our list of Reviews that are not yet in Wikipedia](#) (or from the Cochrane Library) > find a place in Wikipedia where this evidence will help improve the words using terminology that can be understood by people who are not in the field > click "edit" and add the evidence (with the Cochrane citation) to Wikipedia > Press submit.
- **Keeping Cochrane on Wikipedia up to date:** [Cochrane-Wikipedia update project](#) (please see the project page for more information)

#### Who is Cochrane?

We are a global independent network of researchers, professionals, patients, carers, and people interested in health.

Cochrane contributors - 37,000 from more than 130 countries - work together to produce credible, accessible health information that is free from commercial sponsorship and other conflicts of interest. Many of our contributors have expertise in health policy, research methodology, or consumer advocacy - and our groups are situated in some of the world's most respected academic and medical institutions.

#### How does Cochrane work?

# Cochrane-Wikipedia Project: Getting Started

## Use Cochrane Reviews to improve the quality of Wikipedia's health related articles

Link:  
Step by step training resource for new Wikipedians!

Link:  
Create a Wikipedia account

Link:  
Introduction to Medical Editing Cheat Sheet

### General Workflow: [ edit ]

#### Step 1:

Choose a Cochrane Review that has not yet been added to Wikipedia in your area of expertise

Cochrane Reviews on Wikipedia

#### Step 2:

Determine a potential Wikipedia article where the conclusions of the Cochrane Review may help improve the article.

#### Step 3:

Open the potential Wikipedia article and find a place for these conclusions (verify that the evidence is not already in the article).

#### Step 4:

Paraphrase (re-word) the relevant evidence into the Wikipedia article.


#### Step 5:

Add the citation using the PMID or DOI.

How to add citations


If you are not sure that your edit is appropriate, please post your suggestions on the "talk page" of your Wikipedia article and wait for feedback from the community first before editing directly.

#### Completing this task:

- After you add a review to an article, add `{{done}}` to put a check (✓ **Done**) mark before the PMID on the project page beside the article name
- If you are working on an edit or waiting for community feedback, add `{{Inprogress}}`  **In progress** before the PMID

### Editing Wikipedia articles on

## Medicine




*Editing Wikipedia can be daunting for nerds, especially if you're contributing to Wikipedia for the first time as a class assignment. This guide is designed to assist students who have been assigned to contribute biomedical-related content to Wikipedia. Here's what other editors will expect you to know.*

#### Be accurate

You're editing a resource millions of people use to make medical decisions, so it's vitally important to be accurate. Wikipedia is used more for medical information than the websites for WebMD, NIH, and the WHO. But with great power comes great responsibility!

#### Understand the guidelines

Wikipedia editors in the medicine area have developed additional guidelines to ensure that the content on Wikipedia is medically sound. Take extra time to read and understand these guidelines. When you edit an article, ensure your changes meet these special requirements. If not, your work is likely to be undone by other editors as they clean up after you. That takes valuable volunteer time away from creating content. If you're not comfortable working under these guidelines, talk to your instructor about an alternative off-wiki assignment.



#### Engage with editors

Part of the Wikipedia experience is receiving and responding to feedback from other editors. Do not submit your content on the last day, then leave Wikipedia! Real human volunteers from the Wikipedia community will likely read and respond to it, and it would be polite for you to acknowledge the time they volunteer to polish your work! Everything submitted to Wikipedia is reviewed by multiple, real humans! You may not get a comment, but if you do, please acknowledge it.

#### Watch out for close paraphrasing

Plagiarizing or close paraphrasing is never okay on Wikipedia and is a violation of your university's academic honor code. It's even worse on Wikipedia, as valuable volunteer time that could be used to create good content is instead used to clean up plagiarized work.

If you plagiarize or too closely paraphrase on Wikipedia, it is extremely likely that you'll be caught by other editors and there will be an online record of your plagiarism tied to your permanent online record.

Note that even educational materials from organizations like the WHO and abstracts of articles in PubMed are under copyright and cannot be copied. Write them in your own words whenever possible. If you aren't clear on what close paraphrasing is, visit your university's writing center.

#### Scared? Don't be!

Everybody on Wikipedia wants to make the best encyclopedia they can. Take the time to understand the rules, and soon you'll be contributing to a valuable resource you use on a daily basis!

## Suggested first steps for getting started: [ edit ]

### Step 1: Create your Wikipedia user name and register on your group Dashboard.

- [Create a Wikipedia account](#)
- Click [Here](#) for a list of Cochrane Project Dashboards.
- By adding adding yourself to your group "dashboard", this allows us to track the initiative and follow your progress and article improvements.

### Step 2: Getting Started! To learn how to edit Wikipedia see [Getting Started](#) for a list of online tutorials and tools to learn how to edit Wikipedia.

- This resource includes an introductory video and a "**cheat sheet**" that many new Wikipedia editors find helpful when transiting between academic style of writing and encyclopedia style (for Wikipedia).

### Step 3: Create your personal "user page"

- This introduces you to the Wikipedia community (WP:MED) and lets them know why you are here
- Disclose any potential conflict of interest (COI) on your userpage. e.g.: I am a student working with (insert your affiliation). My goal is to improve \_\_\_\_ (insert) \_\_\_\_ -related Wikipedia articles with paraphrased content from Cochrane Reviews and other high quality reliable sources.
- Here is an example of my personal [JenOttawa](#) user page. You do not have to disclose your personal identity.

# Dashboard

[My Dashboard](#) [Training](#) [Documentation](#) [Report a problem](#) en[JenOttawa](#)[Log out](#)[Cochrane-Wikipedia Volunteers](#)[Home](#)[Editors](#)[Articles](#)[Uploads](#)[Activity](#)

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Articles Created

3.24K

Articles Edited

4.77K

Total Edits

33

Editors

112K

Words Added

206

References Added

871M

Article Views

6<sup>i</sup>

Commons Uploads

Last statistics update: 27 minutes ago. Next estimated update: in an hour

## Cochrane-Wikipedia Volunteers

[Edit Description](#)

Cochrane-Wikipedia Volunteers

## Details

[Edit Details](#)**Facilitators:** [JenOttawa](#)**Institution:** Cochrane**Home Wiki:** en.wikipedia.org**Tracked Wikis:** en.wikipedia.org,  
www.wikidata.org**Passcode:** mghqklvt**Activity tracking start:** 2017-05-14 20:00  
Eastern Daylight Time

## Practice editing Wikipedia [\[ edit \]](#)

**Tip 1: Ensure you are logged on to Wikipedia.**

**Tip 2: Practice in your Sandbox first.**

- Wikipedia has a "practice area" called your "sandbox" (see tab on top left while logged in to Wikipedia). This is a great place to practicing clicking the "edit" button, adding references (via the citation button) etc. This information does not go into Wikipedia articles or to search engines.
- Go "play in your sandbox"- practice adding a citation etc first before editing Wikipedia ([Help:My\\_sandbox](#))

**Tip 3: Start small!**

- Develop your Wikipedia editing skills by starting with small edits.
- Suggestions:
  - a. Read a Wikipedia article in your field and try to correct a few typos or improve the readability/neutrality.
  - b. Work up to adding in a new reference to support an existing sentence in a Wikipedia article (be sure to read [WP:MEDRS](#) or at least my cheat sheet to make sure that the content you are adding is appropriate as per [Wikipedia's Guideline for Reliable Sources](#)).

# How to Contribute

1. Add new Cochrane Evidence to Wikipedia
2. Quality Control:
  - a) Verify evidence already on Wikipedia
  - b) Update Cochrane Reviews on Wikipedia
3. Wikipedia in other languages
4. Publish a Wikipedia article: WikiJournal of Medicine



# 1. Add Cochrane Evidence



Networks	Cochrane Review Group	Total # of Reviews	# in Wikipedia	% Coverage	Link to List of Cochrane Reviews not yet added to Wikipedia Reviews to consider adding to Wikipedia articles
<b>Cochrane Musculoskeletal, Oral, Skin and Sensory</b> Wikipedia Project Page  Reviews already on Wikipedia Project Page	<a href="#">Back and Neck Group</a>	69	36	52%	Reviews not yet on Wikipedia: Back and Neck
	<a href="#">Ears Nose and Throat Group</a>	116	53	46%	Reviews not yet on Wikipedia: ENT
	<a href="#">Eyes and Vision Group</a>	206	122	59%	Reviews not yet on Wikipedia: Eyes and Vision
	<a href="#">Musculoskeletal Group</a>	201	174	87%	Reviews not yet on Wikipedia: Musculoskeletal
	<a href="#">Oral Health Group</a>	159	100	63%	Reviews not yet on Wikipedia: Oral Health
	<a href="#">Pain, Palliative and Supportive Care Group</a>	264	129	49%	Reviews not yet on Wikipedia: Pain, palliative and support care
	<a href="#">Skin Group</a>	103	80	78%	Reviews not yet on Wikipedia: Skin
	<a href="#">Wounds Group</a>	151	65	43%	Reviews not yet on Wikipedia: Wounds

## Musculoskeletal Group [\[ edit \]](#)

Assistive devices, hip precautions, environmental modifications and training to prevent dislocation and improve function after hip arthroplasty PMID 27374001 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD010815.pub2>

✓ **Done** Balance training (proprioceptive training) for patients with rheumatoid arthritis PMID 20464755 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD007648.pub2>

Calcitonin for preventing and treating corticosteroid-induced osteoporosis PMID 10796457 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD001983>

**Withdrawn** Calcium supplementation on bone loss in postmenopausal women PMID 17636765 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD004526.pub3>

Exercise for acutely hospitalised older medical patients PMID 17253572 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD005955.pub2>

Exercise therapy in juvenile idiopathic arthritis PMID 18425929 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD005954.pub2>

Home versus center based physical activity programs in older adults PMID 15674925 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD004017.pub2>

Image-guided versus blind glucocorticoid injection for shoulder pain PMID 22895984 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD009147.pub2>

Interventions to improve adherence to exercise for chronic musculoskeletal pain in adults PMID 20091582 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD005956.pub2>

Methotrexate monotherapy and methotrexate combination therapy with traditional and biologic disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs for rheumatoid arthritis: A network meta-analysis PMID 27571502 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD010227.pub2>

Methotrexate monotherapy versus methotrexate combination therapy with non-biologic disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs for rheumatoid arthritis PMID 20393970 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD008495>

Moderate-term, low-dose corticosteroids for rheumatoid arthritis PMID 10796420 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD001158>

✓ **Done** Multidisciplinary rehabilitation for fibromyalgia and musculoskeletal pain in working age adults PMID 10796458 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD001984>

✓ **Done** Multidisciplinary rehabilitation programmes following joint replacement at the hip and knee in chronic arthropathy PMID 18425906 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD004957.pub3>

Operative and non-operative treatment options for dislocation of the hip following total hip arthroplasty PMID 17054252 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD005320.pub2>

Orthotic devices for the treatment of lateral elbow pain PMID 11406011 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD001821>

Pharmacotherapy for Behcet's syndrome PMID 10796413 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD001084>

Posterior versus lateral surgical approach for total hip arthroplasty in adults with osteoarthritis PMID 16856020 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD003828.pub3>

Post-operative therapy for metacarpophalangeal arthroplasty PMID 18254021 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD003522.pub2>

Processed versus fresh frozen bone for impaction bone grafting in revision hip arthroplasty PMID 19821362 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD006351.pub2>

Professional interventions for general practitioners on the management of musculoskeletal conditions PMID 27150167 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD007495.pub2>

Self-management education programmes for osteoarthritis PMID 24425500 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD008963.pub2>

✓ **Done** Surgical interventions for the rheumatoid shoulder PMID 20091587 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD006188.pub2>

Systemic corticosteroids for acute gout PMID 18425920 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD005521.pub2>

**WITHDRAWN** Therapeutic ultrasound for treating patellofemoral pain syndrome PMID 23450538 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD003375.pub2>

Vitamin D supplementation for improving bone mineral density in children PMID 20927753 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD006944.pub2>

Whole body vibration exercise training for adults with fibromyalgia PMID 28950401 <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD011755.pub2>



WIKIPEDIA  
The Free Encyclopedia

Article **Talk**

## Rheumatoid arthritis

### Lifestyle

Regular exercise is recommended as both safe and useful to maintain muscles strength and overall physical function.<sup>[71]</sup> physical activity is beneficial for people with rheumatoid arthritis who experience fatigue,<sup>[72]</sup> but there is evidence to suggest that exercise may make little to no difference on physical function in the long term.<sup>[73]</sup> It is uncertain if eating or avoiding specific foods or other specific dietary measures help improve symptoms.<sup>[74]</sup> Occupational therapy has a positive role to play in improving functional ability in people with rheumatoid arthritis.<sup>[75]</sup> Weak evidence supports the use of wax baths (thermotherapy) to treat arthritis in the hands.<sup>[76]</sup>

Educational approaches that inform people about tools and strategies available to help them cope with rheumatoid arthritis may improve a person's psychological status and level of depression in the shorter-term.<sup>[77]</sup> The use of extra-depth shoes and molded insoles may reduce pain during weight-bearing activities such as walking.<sup>[78]</sup> Insoles may also prevent the progression of bunions.<sup>[78]</sup>

- *Clear language (grade 8), Neutral*
- *Paraphrase the evidence (no quotes)*

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# 2. Quality Control: Verify evidence already on Wikipedia

Welcome

Getting Started

Cochrane Reviews on Wikipedia

Cochrane Update Project

Blogs

Other Projects

Cochrane Library

Wikipedia Research

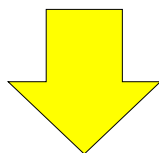
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Questions

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# 3. Keep Content up to date



## Cochrane Update Project (The Cochrane-Wikipedia “bot”)

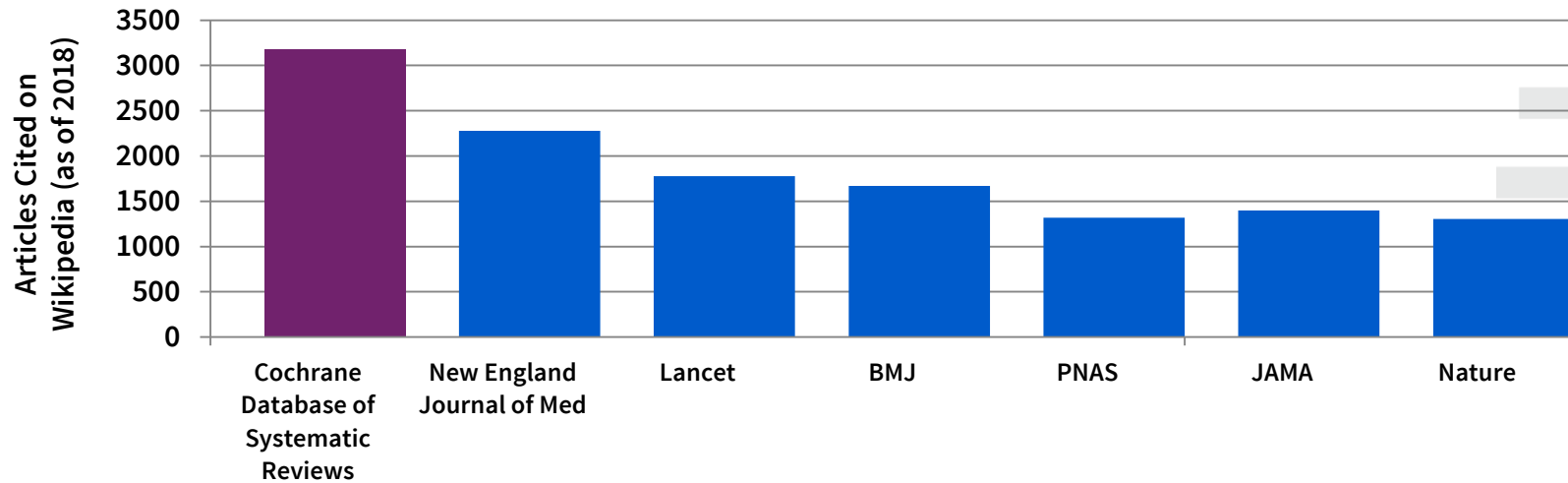
### List of Cochrane Updates: [\[ edit \]](#)

- Article [Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder](#) ([edit](#)) old review [PMID:21678370](#) new review [PMID:30091808](#) - 10:16, 1 November 2018 (UTC)
- Article [Burning mouth syndrome](#) ([edit](#)) old review [PMID:15674897](#) new review [PMID:27855478](#) - 08:45, 19 July 2018 (UTC)
- Article [Cancer](#) ([edit](#)) old review [PMID:24683040](#) new review [PMID:29376219](#) - 19:59, 18 July 2018 (UTC)
- Article [Cancer](#) ([edit](#)) old review [PMID:25491949](#) new review [PMID:28892556](#) - 19:59, 18 July 2018 (UTC)
- Article [Carbamazepine](#) ([edit](#)) old review [PMID:27123830](#) new review [PMID:30091458](#) - 22:24, 1 November 2018 (UTC)

It is unclear if selenium supplementation has an effect.<sup>[126][needs update]</sup>

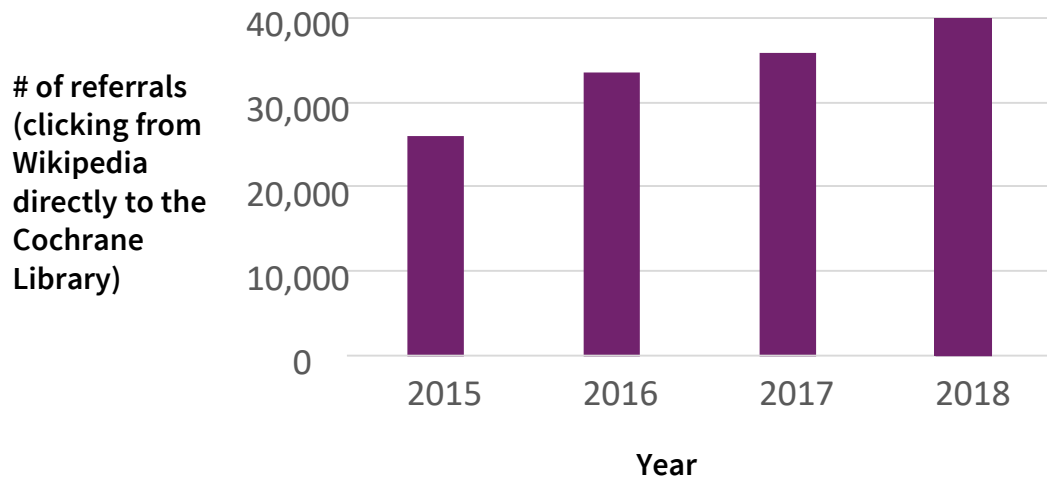
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# Most Frequently Cited Medical Journals in Wikipedia



Jemielniak, D., Masukume, G., Wilamowski, D. The most influential medical journals, according to Wikipedia: how quickly does new medical research propagate in a non-academic encyclopedia. JMIR Publications. October 2018.

# Referrals from Wikipedia to the Cochrane Library



# Conflict of Interest on Wikipedia

- × Writing about yourself, your friends, or your institution
- × Giving emphasis to your own positions in controversies in your field
- Citing your own work



# COI: Suggestions for editing articles in your area of specialization

- Disclose your COI on your Wikipedia userpage
- If you are interested in adding in your own work:
  - Post suggestion (along with your COI) on the article talk page
  - Get a community consensus and work with the existing Wikipedia community to improve the article



# Examples of Projects



# Cochrane-UK Interns

- 4 hours of Wikipedia editing and online instruction (over 4 weeks), 1 hr/week of “homework”
- Final session was an edit-a-thon

## Course Activity

0	33	177	7 <sup>i</sup>	6.25K	5.69M
Articles Created	Articles Edited	Total Edits	Editors	Words Added	Article Views

- Retention: 2/5 participants editing 6 months later

GA

[Asthma](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

S

[Malocclusion](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

B

[Hearing loss](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

S

[Multifocal intraocular lens](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

C

[Intraocular lens](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

GA

[Pneumonia](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

B

[Dermatitis](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

B

[Glaucoma](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

B

[Stroke](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

B

[Human papillomavirus infection](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

C

[Basal-cell carcinoma](#)[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

# Cochrane Skin

May 2018- Present

40

Articles Edited

96

Total Edits

8<sup>i</sup>

Editors

9.44K

Words Added

29

References Added

16.6M

Article Views

Submitting Leprosy Wikipedia article to WikiJournal of Medicine

5 Students (undergraduates and residents)

78% of Cochrane Skin reviews are now included in Wikipedia

# Edit-a-thons / Events

“Wiki 4 World Hearing Day 2019 (NIOSH)”

- Training event (Webinar)
- “Edit-a-thon”
  - Cochrane ENT and Cochrane Work
- Social Media (blog post/twitter)



**#Wiki4WorldHearingDay2019**

# How to use all the work done in Wiki EN to develop « local » Wiki

Sylvain Juchet

Cochrane France

# Cochrane-Wiki initiative

## Volunteer tasks

1. Select a Cochrane review
2. Find a matching wikipedia article
3. Find the good spot to edit
4. Transform « Cochrane wording » into « wiki wording »
5. Do the edit

How can we make the life of the  
volunteer easier ?

# Volunteer task

## 1. Select a Cochrane review

- Assign manually ? Interesting part, possibility to focus on field of competency or curiosity

## 2. Find a matching wikipedia article

- Automatic keyword matching ?
  - Difficult without a lot of mismatch
- Manual pre-selection ?
  - Lot of time

# Would you have the idea to match...

It decrease the risk of early death, so...

...it could be relevant here

The image shows two side-by-side web pages. The left page is from the Cochrane Library, displaying a Cochrane Review titled "Mediterranean-style diet for the primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease". It includes the Cochrane logo, a navigation bar with links like "Cochrane Reviews", "Trials", and "Clinical Answers", and a list of authors. The right page is a Wikipedia article titled "Ageing", which provides a definition of the term and discusses its biological and social aspects. The Wikipedia page includes a "Contents" table of contents and a "For other uses, see Ageing (disambiguation)" note.

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Trusted evidence. Informed decisions. Better health.  
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Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews  
**Mediterranean-style diet for the primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease**  
Cochrane Systematic Review - Intervention | Version published: 13 March 2019 | see what's new  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD009825.pub3>  
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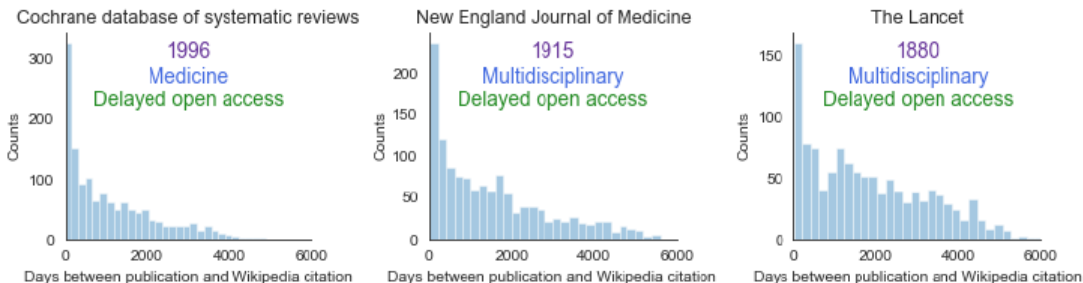
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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia  
For other uses, see Ageing (disambiguation)  
**Ageing** or **aging** (see spelling differences) is the process of becoming older. The term refers especially to human beings, many animals, and fungi, whereas for example bacteria, perennial plants and some simple animals are potentially biologically immortal. In the broader sense, ageing can refer to single cells within an organism which have ceased dividing (cellular senescence) or to the population of a species (population ageing).  
In humans, ageing represents the accumulation of changes in a human being over time, encompassing physical, psychological, and social changes. Reaction time, for example, may slow with age, while knowledge of world events and wisdom may expand. Ageing is among the greatest known risk factors for most human diseases: of the roughly 150,000 people who die each day across the globe, about two thirds die from age-related causes.  
The causes of ageing are uncertain; current theories are assigned to the damage concept, whereby the accumulation of damage (such as DNA oxidation) may cause biological systems to fail, or to the programmed ageing concept, whereby internal processes (such as DNA methylation) may cause ageing. Programmed ageing should not be confused with programmed cell death (apoptosis).  
In 1934, it was discovered that calorie restriction can extend lifespan by 50% in rats and this has motivated research into delaying and preventing ageing.

**Contents** [hide]  
1 Ageing versus immortality  
2 Effects  
3 Biological basis  
4.1 Biochemical and Molecular

# Starting from Wiki EN ?

	EN	FR
Page Views per Month	7,420,419,599 (x10)	687,559,782
Article Count	5,779,516 (x3)	2,069,464
New Articles per Day	634 (x3)	267
Edits per Month	3,256,712 (x5)	666,116
Active Editors	30,205 (x6)	4,885
Very Active Editors	3,477 (x5)	781
New Editors	4,920 (x7)	704



Major reviews have a good probability to be included quickly in Wiki EN, and the french version of the article is likely to exist

# Matching in practice (1)

- Export bibtex file with reviews of interest from the cochrane library
  - We wanted to focused on recent reviews (from 2017)
  - Easier than using archie
- For each review, check if DOI is cited in wikipedia (EN and FR)
  - Extract Wiki articles links, title and importance
  - Keep only EN articles that have a DOI cited, with a corresponding french article that does not have the same DOI cited

# Matching in practice (2)

- Resulting table

Wiki links and title	Cochrane review title	DOI - Links to cochrane library (FR)
<a href="#">Alcoolisme</a>	Le baclofène pour le sevrage alcoolique	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD008502.pub5">10.1002/14651858.CD008502.pub5</a>
<a href="#">Antirétroviral</a>	Antidépresseurs pour le traitement de la dépression chez les adultes atteints du VIH	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD008525.pub3">10.1002/14651858.CD008525.pub3</a>

- Sorted by importance (maximum, high...)
- « Semi-automatic » update :
  - Manual part: download files from cochrane library and archie
  - Automation with R program

# Today

- Using our program
  - 4719 Cochrane reviews on 2246 Wiki EN articles
  - 2246 Wiki EN → 1407 corresponding Wiki FR
  - 312 Cochrane reviews on 225 Wiki FR articles

# Volunteer task

## 1. Select a Cochrane review

→ Interesting part, possibility to focus on field of competency or curiosity

## 2. Find a matching wikipedia article

→ Table of Wiki EN matches

## 3. Find the good spot to edit

## 4. Transform « Cochrane wording » into « wiki wording »

## 5. Do the edit

# Wiki wording

- Extract automatically from summary of findings and result table ?
  - **Ex 1** : "Pneumococcal vaccines for preventing pneumonia in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: meta-analysis on 1372 subjects (6 studies) that compared Pneumococcal vaccine versus control showing a risk reduction of 41 % with the intervention if measuring: Community-acquired pneumonia: at least 1 episode "
  - **Ex 2** : "Reminiscence therapy for dementia: meta-analysis on 1060 subjects (8 studies) that compared Reminiscence therapy versus no treatment showing no significant difference with the intervention if measuring: Self-reported quality of life post-treatment "
- **Not convinced, we gave up the idea**
- But Wiki EN spot and wording could help the volunteer on how to insert the information in Wiki FR

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# Conclusion

- Need some feedback from the community and the volunteers
- Upcoming work
  - List of reviews not included in Wiki EN
  - Bot helping with citation from updated reviews ready but not implemented yet
  - **Recruiting volunteers and keeping them interested !!**

# **Cochrane Musculoskeletal Review Group: Wikipedia Project**

- 2 students
- 2 months editing → Improved 91 Wikipedia articles
- Articles improved received about 3 million article views in 2 months

**Sadie Miller:** University of Ottawa co-op student in the anthropology program on a placement in the center for practice-changing research as a project clerk assistant and a member of the Cochrane Musculoskeletal group.

**Humaira Muhfuz:** Undergraduate student at the University of in the Biomedical Sciences program. Humaira is currently completing a summer internship at the Centre for Practice-Changing Research - Ottawa Hospital Research Institute.

**GOAL: Improve Musculoskeletal-related Wikipedia Articles with paraphrased content from Cochrane Reviews and other high quality reliable sources.**

# Prior to the Wikipedia Initiative

- Used for research
- Never edited
- Source for other resources

# Setting up the account

- Easy and straightforward instructions
- Wikipedia offers multiple training modules
- Sandbox allowed for the practice of editing, inserting hyperlinks and adding citations

# Output

- Musculoskeletal Group Cochrane reviews: In the past couple months the coverage percentage reached 76%
- Cochrane update project: In a couple of weeks it was possible to complete 177 edits by updating citations

# Future Directions

- Cochrane-Wikipedia Matching
  - Cochrane- University of Virginia Capstone Project
- Cochrane-Wikipedia volunteers → Points towards obtaining a Cochrane membership
- Hands on workshop at the Cochrane Colloquium in Santiago

**Project page link:**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject\\_Medicine/Cochrane](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Medicine/Cochrane)



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