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Introduction

Cochrane Germany (CG) is the representative of Cochrane (formerly known as the Cochrane Collaboration (CC)) in Germany. Furthermore, it has been acting as the reference centre for the German speaking part of Switzerland, for Austria, Liechtenstein, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary (for branches s. page 17). Cochrane is an international not-for-profit organization whose “*vision is a world of improved health where decisions about health and health care are informed by high-quality, relevant and up-to-date synthesized research evidence*” (www.cochrane.org). To achieve this, more than 37,000 people from over 130 countries work together in preparing, updating and promoting systematic reviews about health care interventions. To date, over 9,700 Cochrane Reviews and Protocols have been published in the Cochrane Library (www.cochranelibrary.com). The national centres have been tasked to deliver the following ‘core functions’ in their countries:

1. *To promote and represent The Cochrane Collaboration.*
2. *To serve as a source of information about The Cochrane Collaboration.*
3. *To provide or facilitate training and support for review authors, editors, handsearchers and other contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration.*
4. *To support regional editorial bases of Review Groups, Methods Groups and Fields by: assistance to find funding and mediating conflicts, either between Cochrane entities or between individuals and entities.*
5. *To contribute to improving the quality of Cochrane reviews by performing, supporting or promoting methodological research.*
6. *To promote accessibility to The Cochrane Library to healthcare professionals, patients and others, e.g. by pursuing national subscriptions and translations where necessary.*
7. *To handsearch general healthcare journals in the linguistic area of the Centre and to submit the search results to the Collaboration’s trial database. **

** Core functions are currently being reviewed and will be adapted in the future to better support implementation of the [Strategy 2020 of Cochrane](#).*

In addition to the core functions as a centre of Cochrane, the German centre acts as a national ‘hub’ for the dissemination and implementation of international scientific and strategic developments related to knowledge transfer, the concept of evidence-based health care and the role systematic reviews can play for both. It also supports the implementation of methods related to the concepts of evidence-based health research and the grading of evidence according to the GRADE approach as part of systematic reviews and guideline development. Another scientific focus is meta-

research, e.g. the investigation of the extent of dissemination bias in medical research and how it affects the reliability of the results of research syntheses.

CG was formally registered within the Cochrane Collaboration in 1997. It has been receiving core funding through the Institute for Medical Biometry and Statistics (of the Medical Center of the University of Freiburg). Up to 2004 it received additional funding from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The project funding received since 2005 by the German Federal Ministry of Health ceased end of 2016. In 2016 negotiations for long-term institutional funding by the Ministry of Health starting 2017 have been taking place. This process is still ongoing.

In 2014, the Medical Center and the Medical Faculty of the University of Freiburg established the Center as a stand-alone center (Center for Evidence in Medicine /Cochrane Germany) and committed to continue providing funds to the Center for the next five years. The possibility of establishing an 'Institute for Evidence in Medicine' with a full professorship for systematic reviews is under review in the relevant committees.



September 2016 Cochrane Germany moved into modern open space offices in the new administration building of the University Medical Center Freiburg in Breisacher Str. 153, 79110 Freiburg, Germany.

Funding

In 2016 the Center for Evidence in Medicine / Cochrane Germany received core funding from the University Medical Center Freiburg and the Medical Faculty of the University Freiburg. This was complemented by project funding from the Ministry of Health. Cochrane Germany raised additional third party funds (research project funds) in 2016 up to 442,597 €.

CG objectives in 2016

The objectives of CG in 2016 were:

1. *Fulfilling the Core Functions of a Cochrane Centre*
2. *Supporting the activities of the GRADE Working Group and fulfilling the function of a GRADE Centre in Germany*
3. *Recruiting and supporting reviewers / review groups*
4. *Participating in systematic review activities, evidence assessments and HTA reports*
5. *Developing and conducting education and training, workshops and courses related to evidence based medicine, systematic reviews and the GRADE methodology*
6. *Improving the quality of publications of clinical trials in German journals by promoting publication guidelines*
7. *Information for users of evidence for different target groups (science journalists, health system professionals, consumers and the public)*
8. *Maintaining information structures*
9. *Supporting activities to develop and establish structures for knowledge synthesis*
10. *Searching German printed publications for unpublished clinical trials (Handsearching)*
11. *Consolidation of the funding for CG*

The objectives were accomplished through research projects, workshops and events, publications and presentations, and further related activities.

Projects in 2016 (selection)

In 2016 CG started or conducted a total of seven major funded projects and/or contract work with an annual budget of 442,597 €. Briefly, the major projects were (listed in alphabetical order):

CEBHA+ - funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research

(PI PD Dr. Jörg J. Meerpohl)

The objective of the Collaboration for Evidence-Based healthcare and Public Health in Africa (CEBHA+, German title: „Forschungs-Netzwerk für evidenzbasierte Gesundheitsversorgung und Public Health in Afrika“) is to build long-term capacity and infrastructure for evidence-based healthcare and public health in Africa, including primary research, evidence synthesis, and evidence-based policy-and-practice. Cochrane Germany is a partner in this Collaboration and the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich is the German coordinator. The project runs from 01.12.2016 until 30.11.2021.

Cesarean section– Measures for countering risks

(PI Dr. Britta Lang & Dr. Christine Schmucker)

The objective is to analyze the current state of research concerning the influence of drugs (antibiotics and oxytocin) before or after cesarean sections. Furthermore the scientific knowledge regarding Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) should be raised. This contract work was commissioned by the Federal Ministry of Health (German title: „Kaiserschnitt – Maßnahmen zur Begegnung von Risiken“) started in May 2016 and was completed in December 2016.

Effects of milk protein A1- β -Casein on human health

(PI PD Dr. Jörg J. Meerpohl, Dr. Daniela Küllenberg)

The objective of this project (German title: „Auswirkungen von A1- β -Casein der Milch auf die Gesundheit beim Menschen“) is to summarize all relevant evidence regarding the effects of milk proteins A1- and A2- β -Casein on human health, for example the incidence of coronary heart diseases, diabetes mellitus or neurological diseases.

The Bavarian State Research Centre for Agriculture (German: Bayrische Landesanstalt für Landwirtschaft, LfL) and the Competence Center for Nutrition (German: Kompetenzzentrum für Ernährung KERN) are the funders of this research project. The project started in March 2016 and will last until June 2017.

INKA – funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research

(PI Prof. Dr. Gerd Antes, Dr. Britta Lang)

This project (German title: „Ein Forschungsprojekt über die Veränderung der Informationsqualität in der Kommunikationskaskade (INKA) von der medizinischen Fachpublikation bis zur Rezeption der Medizinberichterstattung durch Ärzte und Laien“) analyses scientific information on its way from the medical abstract to mass media contributions. While the project partner at the Technical University Dortmund analyses the loss of correct information from initial scientific reports down to the

diffusion into public media, CG investigates the information behavior and resources of German physicians in an exploratory study. This project was completed at the end of 2016.

***RARE-Bestpractice – funded by the European Commission
(PI Prof. Dr. Holger Schünemann, PD Dr. Jörg J. Meerpohl)***

CG is a partner in an international consortium which received EU funding for the project “*Platform for sharing best practices for management of rare diseases: RARE-Bestpractices*” in 2012. The platform will be used for a comprehensive understanding of the renewed challenges which are generated by actions and incentives of the European Commission. It intends to address the following critical questions:

- A) How to take better advantage of scientific progress in biomedical research in ways to translate research results into tangible benefits for rare-disease patients in a timely manner and to offer high quality information to these patients and health professionals?
- B) How to promote and support a consistent level of healthcare services for rare disease patients, thus implementing the EU Directive on the application of patients’ rights in cross-border healthcare?

The project started in January 2013 and lasted until December 2016.

Source: www.rarebestpractices.eu

Review and Evidence Report - Work for the Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health care (IQWiG).

In 2016 the IQWiG commissioned work to the CG for supporting the evaluation of interventions on the topics of “Riboflavin-UV-induced cross-linking in case of keratoconus” and “Hyperbaric oxygen therapy in patients with diabetic foot syndrome”.

ZEIG – funded by the Federal Ministry of Health (PI Dr. Britta Lang, PD Dr. Jörg J. Meerpohl, Dr. Sebastian Voigt-Radloff)

This project (German title: “*Zukunft durch Evidenzbasierung in der Gesundheitsversorgung*”) aims to optimize healthcare provision in Germany whilst evidence-based knowledge is transferred into clinical practice. The project started in January 2016 and ended in December 2016.

Systematic Reviews and Protocols at CG in 2016

To build capacity and implement the methodological developments in conducting systematic reviews at CG, the centre's members were involved in several review projects as lead authors, co-authors or expert advisers:

Full Systematic Reviews

Dersch R, Hottenrott T, Schmidt S, Sommer H, Huppertz HI, Rauer S, **Meerpohl JJ**: Efficacy and safety of pharmacological treatments for Lyme neuroborreliosis in children: a systematic review. BMC Neurol 2016, 16(1), 189. doi:10.1186/s12883-016-0708-y. [PMID: 27686962](#).

Hüttner FJ, Fitzmaurice C, Schwarzer G, Seiler CM, **Antes G**, Büchler MW, Diener MK: Pylorus-preserving pancreaticoduodenectomy (pp Whipple) versus pancreaticoduodenectomy (classic Whipple) for surgical treatment of periampullary and pancreatic carcinoma. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2016 Feb 16;2: [CD006053](#). doi: 10.1002/14651858.CD006053.pub6.

Murad MH, Guyatt GH, Domecq JP, Vernooij RW, Erwin PJ, **Meerpohl JJ**, Prutsky GJ, Akl EA, Mueller K, Bassler D, Schandelmaier S, Walter SD, Busse JW, Kasenda B, Pagano G, Pardo-Hernandez H, Montori VM, Wang Z, Briel M: Randomized trials addressing a similar question are commonly published after a trial stopped early for benefit. J Clin Epidemiol. 2016 Nov 7. pii: S0895-4356(16)30585-6. doi: 10.1016/j.jclinepi.2016.10.006. [PMID: 27832953](#).

Oliveira JM, **Allert R**, East CE: Vitamin A supplementation for postpartum women. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2016, Issue 3. Art. No.: [CD005944](#). DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD005944.pub3.

Shinwell ES, Portnov I, **Meerpohl JJ**, Karen T, Bassler D: Inhaled Corticosteroids for Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia: A Meta-analysis. Pediatrics 2016 Dec;138(6). pii: e20162511. Review. [PMID: 27940717](#).

Siemens W, Xander C, **Meerpohl JJ**, Buroh S, **Antes G**, Schwarzer G, Becker G: Pharmacological interventions for pruritus in adult palliative care patients. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2016 Nov 16;11. doi:10.1002/14651858. [CD008320](#). PMID: 27849111.

Weitz M, Portz S, Laube GF, **Meerpohl JJ**, Bassler D: Surgery versus non-surgical management for unilateral ureteric-pelvic junction obstruction in newborns and infants less than two years of age. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2016, Issue 7. Art. No.: [CD010716](#). DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010716.pub2. [PMID: 27416073](#).

Systematic Review Protocols

Torbahn G, Hofmann H, **Allert R**, Freitag MH, Dersch R, Fingerle V, **Sommer H**, Motschall E, **Meerpohl JJ**, **Schmucker C**: Efficacy and safety of pharmacological agents in the treatment of erythema migrans in early Lyme borreliosis - systematic review protocol. *Systematic Reviews* 2016, 5:73 (DOI: 10.1186/s13643-016-0251-3). [PMID: 27142846](#).

International Activities & Networking

In 2016, staff of CG was involved in the work of several Cochrane entities and other international initiatives:

- Screening and Diagnostic Methods Group & Statistical Methods Group & Working Group 'Evidence Aid' (Gerd Antes)
- Advisory Board of the Joanna Briggs Institute, Adelaide, Australia (Gerd Antes)
- Cochrane Prognosis Methods Group (Daniela Küllenberg de Gaudry)
- Cochrane Consumer Network – Geographic Advisory Board (Britta Lang)
- Cochrane Nursing Network (Sebastian Voigt – Radloff)
- Cochrane Rehabilitation Field (Sebastian Voigt-Radloff)
- Cochrane Centre Directors Executive (Jörg J. Meerpohl)
- Cochrane Steering Group (Jörg J. Meerpohl)
- Editor in Cochrane Hematological Malignancies Group (Jörg J. Meerpohl)
- Cochrane Applicability and Recommendations Methods Group (Jörg J. Meerpohl)
- Cochrane Trainers Network (Jörg J. Meerpohl)
- Advisory Board of Cochrane Child Health Field (Jörg J. Meerpohl)
- Member of Cochrane Statistical Network (Jörg J. Meerpohl)
- Cochrane Adverse Effects Methods Group (Christine Schmucker)
- World Health Organisation (WHO) Nutrition Guidance Expert Advisory Group (Jörg J. Meerpohl)
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GRADE Center

Since 2013 the [German GRADE Center](#) is hosted by Cochrane Germany. GRADE is an international collaboration of researchers aiming to support evidence based decision making in healthcare by strengthening guideline development. The GRADE approach consists of an elaborated system for quality assessment ('grading') of the results of clinical trials, and a structured and transparent framework for moving from evidence to trustworthy recommendations. Many international organizations and

institutions have endorsed the GRADE approach and use it for guideline development, amongst others the WHO (www.gradeworkinggroup.org).

The German Grade Centre in Freiburg was established in 2013 and is led by PD Dr. Jörg J. Meerpohl. In 2016 the GRADE Center received funding for work commissioned by the WHO regarding guideline development.

Further activities

Collaboration with the Clinical Trials Unit:

- Promoting the need of systematic reviews as part of an evidence-based study planning in lectures and workshops (e.g. courses for investigators and principal investigators)
- Scientific consulting of study investigators concerning clinical study planning in the context of the totality of evidence
- Providing support for investigators in identifying all relevant evidence concerning their specific research question
- Development and implementation of training modules for study investigators concerning systematic literature search and summarizing and presenting the identified evidence

Workshops, Training and Events

In 2016 CG conducted four workshops in Freiburg with an overall number of participants of 149:

- “Systematic Reviews and Introduction to Evidence based Medicine”
 - 10/03/2016-12/03/2016: 44 participants
 - 13/10/2016-15/10/2016: 45 participants
- “Systematic Literature Search”
 - 17/03/2016-18/03/2016
Basic and Advanced course: 40 participants
- “R-Workshop – statistical evaluation beyond RevMan – meta-analysis with R”
 - 10/11/2016-12/11/2016: 22 participants

Jörg Meerpohl established and organized a basic review course for authors together with the Austrian and Swiss Cochrane branches. This course was hosted for the first time in Zurich in January 2014, in Freiburg in January 2015 and last year in Vienna (March 2016).

We offered a large number of additional workshops and lectures promoting evidence-based medicine and the Cochrane Library upon request:

- In-house workshops for scientific journalists
- In-house workshop for pharmaceutical students
- In-house workshops for guideline organizations
- Demonstrations and tutorials of The Cochrane Library
- Courses in literature search and methodology in the context of Systematic Reviews

Cochrane in Germany

Published protocols and reviews

The efforts of CG, the German Review Groups (see below) and the Germany-based Cochrane working groups (<http://www.cochrane.de/de/cochrane-deutschland>) as well as the contributing people in Germany lead to the fact that the number of corresponding authors in Germany contributing to Cochrane Reviews increased from 542 in 2010, to 691 in 2013, and to 966 in 2017 (as of March 2017) (Search filter: Country: Germany; Reference centre: CG; Role in group: Author). Therefore the number of corresponding authors in Germany has doubled since 2010. That fact highlights the increased support of German Cochrane personnel in the conduction of reviews.

In March 2017, CG was listed as reference centre by 2,602 persons (Search filter: Reference centre: CG). 645 (2013: 532) come from Switzerland, 237 (2013: 186) from Austria, and 43 (2013: 35) from Hungary (Source: ARCHIE, Cochrane author's database, search from 03.03.2017).

Figure 1 shows the number of reviews and protocols with Germany as the country of origin. In February 2017, there are 178 reviews and 82 protocols from Germany.

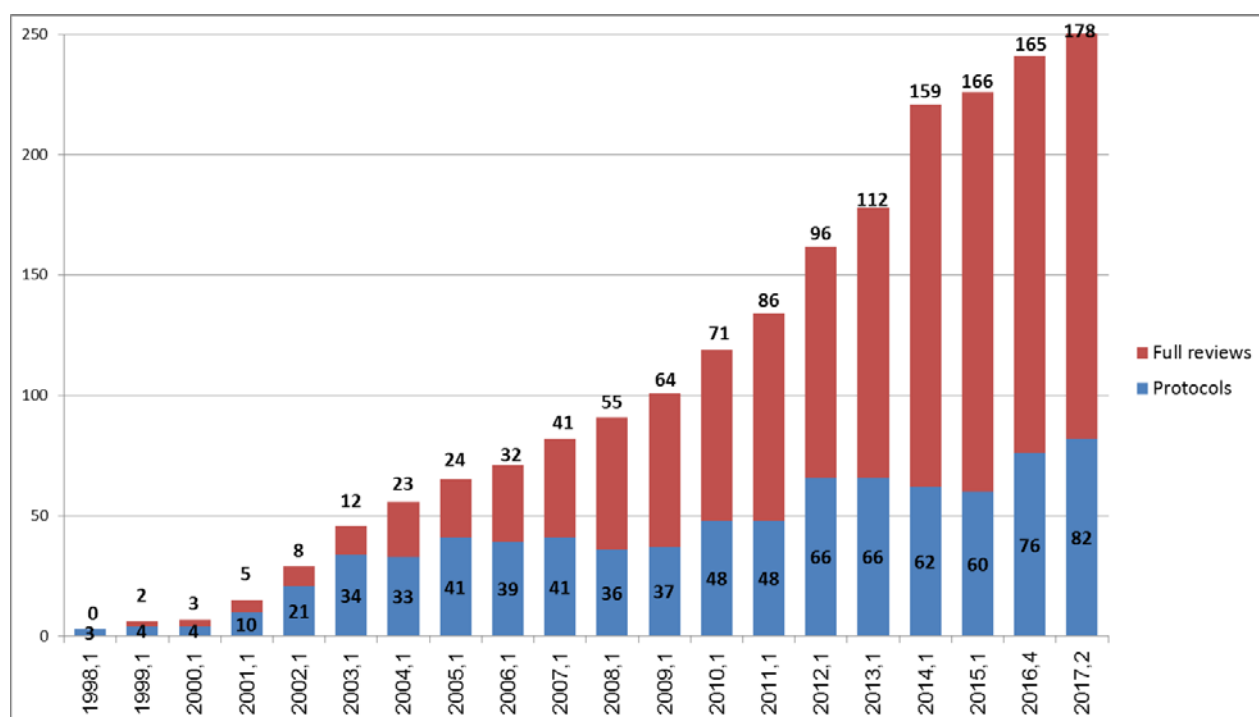


Figure 1:
Number of Reviews and Protocols with Germany as 'country of origin' since 1998

The production of reviews with corresponding authors in Germany shows a continuous increase from 1998 until the beginning of 2017. Figure 2 shows the number of published systematic reviews and protocols from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein, Hungary and the Czech Republic. From the last report there is an increase of published reviews from 165 to 178 in Germany and from 0 to 1 in Czech Republic. No changes in comparison to the last year can be seen in the number of reviews for Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Hungary and Slovakia.

Published Reviews by Country Report

3 Mar, 2017

The number of Full reviews and Protocols published in The Cochrane Library, Issue 2, 2017 with a contact person from the selected countries.

Country	Published reviews			Published protocols		
	Total	Active	Withdrawn	Total	Active	Withdrawn
Germany	178	176	2	82	70	12
Switzerland	108	106	2	32	30	2
Austria	25	24	1	8	7	1
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hungary	2	2	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	1	1	0	0	0	0
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for all countries	314	309	5	122	107	15

Figure 2: Number of Full Reviews and Protocols published in the Cochrane Library, Issue 2, 2017.

Website access

<http://www.cochrane.de>

In 2016, we had 118.627 sessions from 80.192 visitors in total using 386.336 pages. As in previous years, about one third of all visitors were returning.

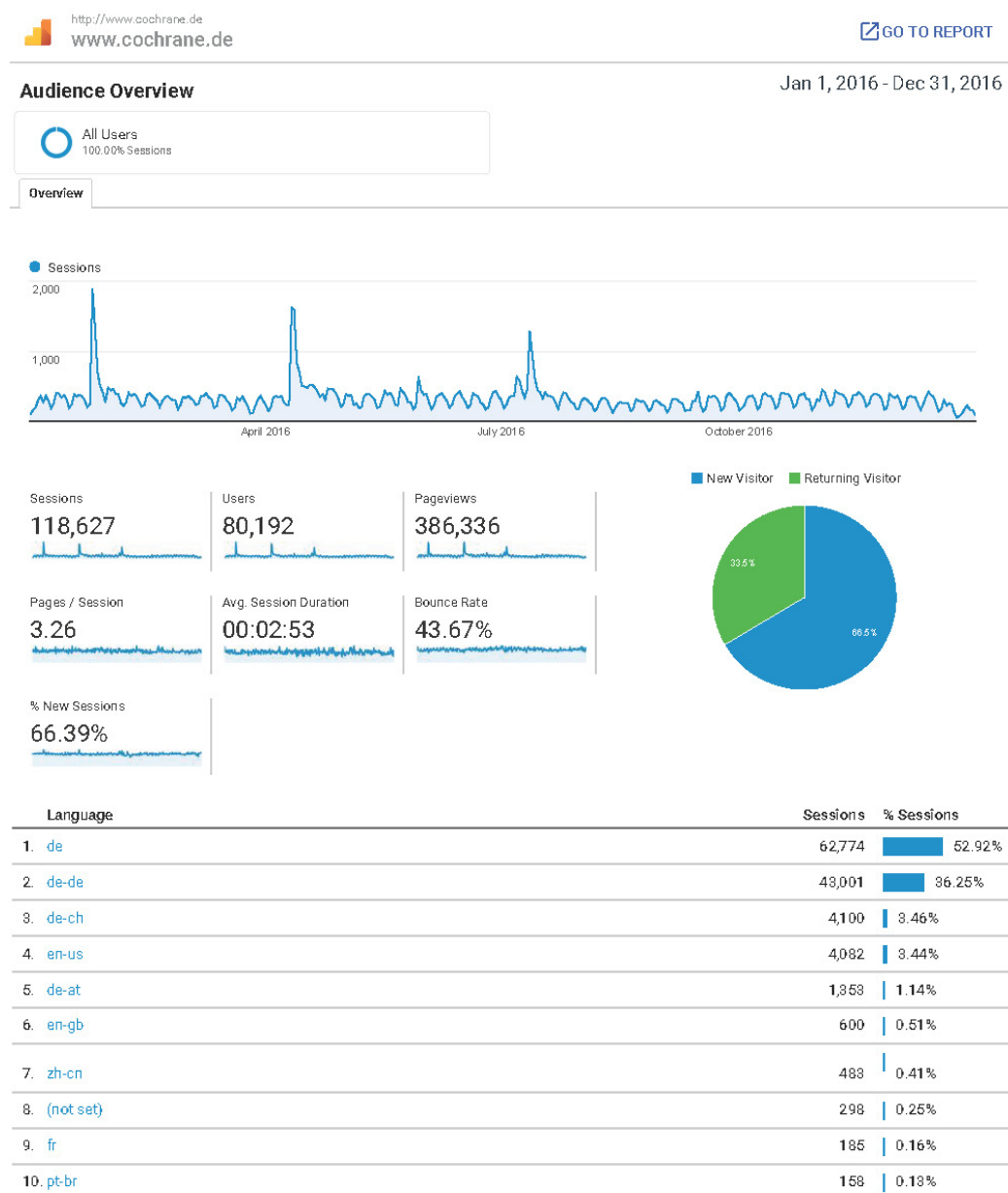


Figure 3: Homepage visitors and origin 2016

Our Top 10 of most visited pages (all pages in German language):

1. Welcome (see figure 4) – front page
2. What is the Cochrane Library?
3. Who is Cochrane?
4. Redirect to front page (by clicking on logo in header)
5. From evidence to recommendation

6. Events (Workshops)
7. What are Systematic Reviews?
8. Access to Cochrane Library in Germany
9. Team, contact, where to find us
10. Assessing quality or risk of bias in studies

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Über uns
Workshops
GRADE Center
Ressourcen
Cochrane Library

Cochrane Deutschland repräsentiert **Cochrane**, ein internationales Netzwerk von Wissenschaftlern und Ärzten, das sich an den Grundsätzen der **evidenzbasierten Medizin** orientiert. Das zentrale Ziel ist die Verbesserung der wissenschaftlichen Grundlagen für Entscheidungen im Gesundheitssystem.



**aktualisierter Review: Antibiotika
Einsatz in Krankenhäusern**

Aktuelles

Cochrane Kompakt 	EbM-Kongress 2017 in Hamburg 09.-11.03.17 Klasse statt Masse 	
Cochrane Mailingliste in deutscher Sprache - Anmeldung 	Bewertung des Biasrisikos (Risiko systematischer Fehler) 	

Cochrane Blogs

- ♦ wissenwaswirkt.org
- ♦ evidentlycochrane.net

Cochrane Kompakt

Publikationen

Opinions and potential solutions regarding dissemination bias from funding agencies of biomedical research in Europe.

- ♦ PMID: 28090730

Methods for detecting, quantifying, and adjusting for dissemination bias in meta-analysis are described.

- ♦ PMID: 7502970

Evidence gaps in ENT surgery - a qualitative survey.

- ♦ PMID: 28025610

A Reporting Tool for Practice Guidelines in Health Care: The RIGHT Statement.

- ♦ PMID: 27893062

Inhaled Corticosteroids for Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia: A Meta-analysis.

- ♦ PMID: 27940717

Pharmacological interventions for pruritus in adult

Figure 4: Front page Cochrane Germany

Cochrane Review Groups based in Germany

Cochrane Haematological Malignancies Group (CHMG)

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The CHMG deals with the evaluation of the diagnosis and treatment of adults with haematological diseases. The main focus is on leukaemia and lymphoma and the care of those suffering from other haematological diseases like aplastic anaemia is also included in the wider scope of the group. In addition, the group evaluates interventions affecting the haematological cell system like stem cell transplantation and haemopoietic growth factors. Finally, supportive care and the management of haematological diseases are also tasks of the Cochrane Haematological Malignancies Group.

Cochrane Metabolic and Endocrine Disorders Group (CMED)

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Since 2000, the CMED has been preparing systematic reviews on the benefits and harms of healthcare interventions for metabolic and endocrine disorders, particularly diabetes mellitus and obesity. The CMED's main area of work is the evaluation of the effects of health care interventions relevant to the prevention, treatment or management, and rehabilitation of metabolic, nutritional and endocrine disorders. The CMED expanded its scope to systematic reviews of diagnostic test accuracy within the same topic areas. The CMED primarily focuses on systematic reviews which evaluate patient-orientated outcome measures. Authors who wish to analyse surrogate outcomes like laboratory parameters may do so but always have to investigate a standard set of patient-orientated endpoints. Exclusive evaluation of surrogate indicators only will not be possible.

Branches of Cochrane Germany

Austrian Cochrane Branch

The Austrian Cochrane Branch opened in December 2010 as part of the Department for Evidence-based Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology of the Danube University Krems. Main tasks are:

- It provides the basis for evidence-based decisions in the Austrian health system.
- It is supported by Austrian scientists, who provide the means to create science-based and independent medical information in the form of Cochrane Reviews that are available to the Austrian health care and the public.
- It promotes the publication of the Cochrane Collaboration and its importance in the public, aiming at transferring research findings into health care and thereby improving patient information.
- It organises workshops for those interested, such as (future, potential) authors of Cochrane reviews as well as employees of the Cochrane Collaboration.
- It is the first point of contact for people interested as well as for employees of the Cochrane Collaboration in Austria.
- It functions as a contact for employees of the Cochrane Collaboration worldwide, and thus facilitates the communication within the Cochrane Collaboration.

The Austrian Cochrane Branch is funded by a grant from the Lower Austrian Health and Social Fund (NÖGUS) and supported by the Danube University Krems.

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Swiss Cochrane Branch

The Swiss Cochrane Centre is the branch that is supported by the German, the French, and the Italian Cochrane centres. It is a national network which is located in Lausanne, Switzerland. The goals of the branch are:

- Promotion of evidence-based medicine and the activities of the Cochrane Collaboration. Cochrane Switzerland supports free access to the Cochrane Library for people in Switzerland
- Information of health care professionals and a broader audience about the usage and the benefits of systematic reviews
- Promotion of projects for creation and updating of systematic reviews referring to questions of the effectiveness of medical interventions.

The Swiss Cochrane Branch is funded by the “Institut Universitaire de Médecine Sociale et Préventive (IUMSP), CHUV” and the “Université de Lausanne”.

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Hungarian Cochrane Branch

The negotiations of establishing a Hungarian Cochrane Branch resulted successfully in the official opening of the Branch in October 2014 at the Medical Center of the University of Pécs. Director of the branch is Prof. Dr. Tamás Decsi and the scientific coordinator is Dr. Szimonetta Lohner. The goals of the branch are:

- to provide information about Cochrane and participate in its international activities
- to train and build capacity for the preparation of systematic reviews, including the preparation and updating of high-quality Cochrane systematic reviews
- to provide language-specific services: e.g. extracting data from Hungarian papers for Cochrane reviews and translating review summaries into Hungarian
- to disseminate the results of Cochrane reviews in Hungary and to support the use of Cochrane reviews by specific user groups
- to facilitate knowledge transfer of high quality healthcare evidence through formal and informal partnerships with relevant stakeholders in Hungary
- to promote access to the Cochrane Library and to Cochrane systematic reviews.

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Staff in 2016

Scientific Staff

Gerd Antes	Co-Director	100 %
Jörg J. Meerpohl	2016 at the French Cochrane Center, Paris	
Britta Lang	Deputy Director (temporary)	100 %

Anette Blümle	Senior Researcher & TSC	100 %
Daniela Küllenberg de Gaudry	Senior Researcher	50 %
Ralph Möhler (since 04/16)	Senior Researcher	75 %
Christine Schmucker	Senior Researcher	100 %
Sebastian Voigt-Radloff	Senior Researcher	50 %

Karin Bischoff (since 03/16)	Junior Researcher	100 %
Claudia Bollig	Junior Researcher	100 %
Katharina Kunzweiler	Junior Researcher	50 %
Valérie Labonté (since 03/16)	Junior Researcher	80 %
Harriet Sommer	Junior Researcher	20 %
Ingrid Töws	Junior Researcher	100 %

Roman Binder	Trainee	
Philipp Kapp	Trainee	

Research Associates with external funding

Roman Allert (until 03/16)	Research Associate	100 %
Gabriel Torbahn	Research Associate	100 %

Administration and Assistance

Christa Bast	Team Assistant, Website Editor	40 %
Stefanie Keller	Team Assistant	100 %
Georg Koch	Systems Administrator	50 %
Inga Nolle	Student Assistant (hourly work)	
Laura Rehner	Student Assistant (hourly work)	
Tobias Leiblein	Student Assistant (hourly work)	

CG hosts central staff of Cochrane:

The Central Executive Team

Chris Mavergames	Director of Web Development
Martin Janczyk	Web Developer
Paolo Rosati	Web Developer
Daan Wilmer	Web Developer
Lucie Binder (COU)	Senior to the CEO of Cochrane
Juliane Ried (Innovations)	Translations Coordinator

Publications of CG staff in 2016

In 2016, the overall publications impact factor of Cochrane Germany as a department of the Medical Center/ Medical Faculty of the University of Freiburg was 55.7.

Scientific Publications

1. Alonso-Coello P, Oxman AD, Moberg J, Brignardello-Petersen R, Akl EA, Davoli M, Treweek S, Mustafa RA, Vandvik PO, **Meerpohl JJ**, Guyatt GH, Schünemann HJ; GRADE Working Group: GRADE Evidence to Decision (EtD) frameworks: a systematic and transparent approach to making well informed healthcare choices. 2: Clinical practice guidelines. *BMJ* 2016 Jun 30;353:i2089. doi: 10.1136/bmj.i2089. [PMID: 2736549](#).
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29. **Voigt-Radloff S:** Evidenzbasierte Innovationen in den Gesundheitsfachberufen. Evidenzbasierte Innovationen in den Gesundheitsfachberufen, Deutscher Bundesverband für Logopädie e.V., 03. bis 04.03.2016 Frechen (Köln).
30. **Voigt-Radloff S:** "Jetzt will ich´s wissen" Stand der Forschung und Entwicklung evidenzbasierter Interventionen in der Ergotherapie. Schule für Ergotherapie Eckardtsheim, Schule für Ergotherapie Eckardtsheim, Ev. Krankenhaus Bielefeld gGmbH, 28.01.2016, Eckardtsheim.
31. **Voigt-Radloff S:** Literaturrecherche für den praktizierenden Allgemeinmediziner. 1. Frühjahrsversammlung der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Allgemeine Innere Medizin, Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Allgemeine Innere Medizin, 25.05.2016, Basel.
32. Wormer HM, **Antes G:** Podiumsdiskussion EbM: "Gesundheits-Apps, Big Data, Versorgungsforschung - Ist die Zukunft von EbM bereits Vergangenheit?" 17. Jahrestagung des Deutschen Netzwerks Evidenzbasierte Medizin e.V.; 04.03.2016, Köln.

Workshop Contributions

1. **Antes G:** Ist die Wissenschaft noch zu retten? Von Schokodiäten und ihren vermeintlichen Wunderwirkungen - Ernährungsstudien bewerten. Journalistenworkshop: Mythen & Fakten in der Ernährung, PresseClub, 9.12.2016, München.
2. **Antes G:** Reviews und Review-Methodik in der Praxis: HTA-Berichte, Leitlinien, Patienteninformation. 35. Workshop "Systematische Übersichtsarbeiten - Einführung in die evidenzbasierte Gesundheitsversorgung (Grundkurs EbM)"; Cochrane Deutschland, 15.10.2016, Freiburg im Breisgau.

3. **Antes G:** Reviews und Review-Methodik in der Praxis: HTA-Berichte, Leitlinien, Patienteninformationen. 34. Cochrane Workshop "Systematische Übersichtsarbeiten"; 12.03.2016, Freiburg.
4. **Antes G:** What would be needed for first class evidence? 2nd international workshop on High Frequency Oscillations in Epilepsy; Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 12.03.2016, Freiburg.
5. **Blümle A:** Die Cochrane Collaboration. 35. Workshop "Systematische Übersichtsarbeiten - Einführung in die evidenzbasierte Gesundheitsversorgung (Grundkurs EbM)"; Cochrane Deutschland, 13.10.2016, Freiburg im Breisgau.
6. **Blümle A:** Einführung in die Cochrane Collaboration und die Datenbanken der Cochrane Library; 11. Cochrane Workshop "Systematische Literaturrecherche"; Cochrane Deutschland, 17.03.2016, Freiburg.
7. **Blümle A:** Die Cochrane Collaboration; 34. Cochrane Workshop "Systematische Übersichtsarbeiten"; Cochrane Deutschland, 10.03.2016, Freiburg.
8. **Blümle A:** Literaturrecherche in Medline via Pubmed & Angeleitete Computer-Übungen in PubMed, Workshop für Studienleiter und Projektkoordinatoren des Studienzentrums; Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 03.03.2016, Freiburg.
9. **Lang B:** Einführung in die Evidenzbasierte Medizin mit Fokus Literatursuche, 11. Cochrane Workshop "Systematische Literaturrecherche"; Cochrane Deutschland, 17.03.2016, Freiburg.
10. **Schmucker C:** Bewertung des Risikos für Bias in klinischen Studien. 35. Workshop "Systematische Übersichtsarbeiten - Einführung in die evidenzbasierte Gesundheitsversorgung (Grundkurs EbM)"; Cochrane Deutschland, 14.10.2016, Freiburg im Breisgau.
11. **Schmucker C:** Qualitätsbewertung von nichtrandomisierten Studien. 7. Methodik-Workshop des Leitlinienprogramms Onkologie; Deutsche Krebsgesellschaft e.V., 17.06.2016, Berlin.
12. **Schmucker C:** Umgang mit unpublizierten Daten in Leitlinien: Publikationspraxis & Disseminationsbias. 7. Methodik-Workshop des Leitlinienprogramms Onkologie; Deutsche Krebsgesellschaft e.V., 17.06.2016, Berlin.
13. **Schmucker C:** Bewertung des Risikos für Bias in klinischen Studien, 34. Cochrane Workshop "Systematische Übersichtsarbeiten"; Cochrane Deutschland, 11.03.2016, Freiburg.
14. **Sommer H:** Effektmaße & Metaanalysen. 35. Workshop "Systematische Übersichtsarbeiten - Einführung in die evidenzbasierte Gesundheitsversorgung (Grundkurs EbM)"; Cochrane Deutschland, 14.10.2016, Freiburg im Breisgau.

Teaching/Continuous Medical Education

1. **Antes G:** Translational Research in policy and practice. Studiengang: Master of Global Urban Health, Center for Medicine and Society, Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 5.12.2016, Freiburg.
2. **Antes G:** Bedeutung und Grenzen der Evidenzbasierung. Fort- und Weiterbildung: Zwischenzyklus II; Psychiatrie Baselland, 28.09.2016, Liestal, Schweiz.
3. **Blümle A:** Publikationen, transparente Berichterstattung. Studienleiterkurs November 2016; Studienzentrum Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 15.11.2016, Freiburg.
4. **Blümle A:** Evidenzbasierte Studienplanung. Studienkoordinatorenkurs, Koordinierungszentrum für Klinische Studien (KKS), 30.11.2016, Heidelberg.
5. **Blümle A:** Publikationen, transparente Berichterstattung. Studienleiterkurs November 2016, Studienzentrum, 15.11.2016, Universitätsklinikum Freiburg.
6. **Blümle A:** Studiendesigns, evidenzbasierte Studienplanung. Studienleiterkurs November 2016; Studienzentrum Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 14.11.2016, Freiburg.
7. **Blümle A:** Studientypen. Studienleiterkurs November 2016; Studienzentrum Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 14.11.2016.
8. **Blümle A:** Evidenzbasierte Medizin in der Chirurgie, Studienregistrierung, Publikationen. Prüferkurs mit Fokus HNO/ Chirurgie; 50. Fortbildungsveranstaltung für Hals-Nasen-Ohrenärzte, Universitätsklinikum Freiburg/Studienzentrum in Kooperation mit dem Deutschen Studienzentrum für HNO-Heilkunde, Kopf- und Hals-Chirurgie, 28.10.2016, Freiburg im Breisgau.
9. **Blümle A:** Publikation, transparente Berichterstattung. Studienleiterkurs; Studienzentrum Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 22.07.2016, Freiburg.
10. **Blümle A:** Studientypen. Studienleiterkurs; Studienzentrum Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 20.07.2016, Freiburg.
11. **Blümle A:** Evidenzbasierte Studienplanung. Studienleiterkurs; Studienzentrum Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 20.07.2016, Freiburg.
12. **Blümle A:** Einführung in die evidenzbasierte Studienplanung. Fortbildung Literaturrecherche; Studienzentrum Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 11.07.2016, Freiburg.
13. **Blümle A:** Evidenzbasierte Studienplanung. Kurs für Studienkoordination; Koordinierungszentrum für Klinische Studien (KKS) am Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg, 22.06.2016, Heidelberg.

14. **Blümle A:** Evidenzbasierte Medizin, Cochrane, Publikation. Chirurgischer Präfarztkurs HNO; 04.05.2016, Düsseldorf.
15. **Blümle A:** Studientypen. Seminar: "Wissenschaftliches Denken und Handeln" für Studierende der Humanmedizin; Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, 25.05.2016, Freiburg.
16. **Blümle A:** BMBF Leitfaden - Klinische Studien - Evidenz. Schulung für die Antragssteller des Studienzentrums; Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 15.02.2016, Freiburg.
17. **Blümle A:** BMBF Leitfaden - Klinische Studien - Evidenz. Schulung für die Projektkoordinatoren des Studienzentrums; Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 28.01.2016, Freiburg.
18. **Bollig C:** Seminar 5: Meta-Analysen und systematische Reviews. Weiterbildung zum Fachapotheker für Arzneimittelinformation; 11.11.2016, Münster.
19. **Lang B:** Evidence based medicine and research syntheses - history and concepts. Modul im Master of Global Urban Health, Universität Freiburg; 05.12.2016, Freiburg.
20. **Schmucker C:** Risiko für Bias in klinischen Studien. Seminarwissenschaftliches Denken & Handeln, Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, Medizinische Psychologie; Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, 08.06.2016, Freiburg.