

Annual Report 2025

Cochrane Denmark & Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine Odense

The following report describes the objectives, organisation, and activities of Cochrane Denmark (CD) and Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine Odense (CEBMO), from January 1st to December 31st, 2025.

Introduction

Cochrane Denmark (CD) and Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine Odense (CEBMO) is a functionally merged research centre (CD-CEBMO) at the Department of Clinical Research, University of Southern Denmark.

In June 2020, the Danish Ministry of Health decided that the Nordic Cochrane Centre, situated at Rigshospitalet in Copenhagen, be closely affiliated with CEBMO. The Nordic Cochrane Centre then moved from Rigshospitalet to the University of Southern Denmark in Odense, and in the process, changed its name to Cochrane Denmark. Similarly, CEBMO moved its organizational setting from Odense University Hospital to University of Southern Denmark. The two centres were hereafter functionally merged into one larger centre, CD-CEBMO, effective of January 1st, 2021.

Cochrane Denmark is funded by the Danish government as a national Cochrane centre, and its activities are guided by [Cochrane's general strategy](#) and the Ministry of Health's note as of June 2020, supplemented by recommendations from the [VIVE report](#). The Ministry of Health's note on the matter specified that the "political level believes" the new organisational setup "may create a strong research centre ..., and at the same time enhance close clinical collaboration with Odense University Hospital and contribute to a broader cooperation across the country".

CEBMO is funded by Odense University Hospital and University of Southern Denmark as a regional research centre. The activities of CEBMO are guided by a term of reference (Appendix 1).

CD-CEBMO's objectives

There was a considerable overlap between the objectives of Cochrane Denmark and Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine Odense, which was part of the Ministry's rationale for the functional merger. Overall, CD-CEBMO has four main objectives:

- To conduct research in evidence-based medicine, clinical research methodology, and other types of research relevant for evidence synthesis
- To promote Cochrane in Denmark and support Cochrane authors based in Denmark as well as Cochrane internationally
- To run a counselling and research methods guidance service for researchers at Odense University Hospital and at University of Southern Denmark with a focus on systematic reviews and meta-analyses
- To contribute to undergraduate teaching in evidence-based medicine at University of Southern Denmark and to PhD courses, for example in systematic reviews and meta-analysis

The disposition of this report broadly follows the four main objectives, preceded by a section on organisation and governance.

I. Organisation and governance

CD-CEBMO is organised as a research centre at the Department of Clinical Research, University of Southern Denmark. The Head of CD-CEBMO functions both as leader of research and administration and refers to the Head of Department of Clinical Research, University of Southern Denmark. In matters relating to Cochrane, the Head of CD-CEBMO operates in accordance with the collaboration agreement with Cochrane.

Staff

As of 31st of December 2025, the Centre had a staff of 21.

Title	Name	FTE¹
Head of Centre, professor	Asbjørn Hróbjartsson	1.0
Professor	Karsten Juhl Jørgensen	1.0
Associate Professor	Andreas Lundh	0.5
Associate Professor	Jeppe Bennekou Schroll	0.5
Associate Professor	Loai N. M. Albarqouni	1.0
Postdoc and Research Coordinator	Camilla Hansen Nejstgaard	1.0
Postdoc	Helena Van Beersel Krejcikova	0.8
PhD Fellow and Research Coordinator	Lasse Østengaard	1.0
PhD Fellow	Mathias Weis Damkjær	1.0
PhD Fellow	Christoffer Bruun Korfitsen	1.0
PhD Fellow	David Ruben Teindl Laursen	1.0
Researcher	Cecilie Jespersen	1.0
Researcher	Josefina P. Salazar Núñez	1.0
Researcher	Mette Bangshof Engmose	1.0
Researcher	Mihaela Ivosevic	1.0
Researcher	Ziheng Chen	1.0
Student Assistant	Lasse Adrup Benné Petersen	0.13
Student Assistant	Mia Elkjær	0.13
Student Assistant	Louise Andie Pedersen	1.13
Centre Secretary	Laila Awada	1.0
Administrator	Frihild Askham	1.0

¹Full time employment

In addition, the following researchers were associated with the Centre: Librarian Mette Brandt Eriksen (10% Associated Professor), Professor Robin Christensen, Adjunct Professor An-Wen Chan (University of Toronto), Assistant Professor Kristian Thorlund (McMaster University), Physician Daniel Malmisø, and Psychologist Erlend Faltinsen.

Advisory Board

As of 31st of December 2025, the Centre's advisory board included:

- 1) Lisa Bero (Professor of Medicine and Public Health, University of Colorado, USA)

- 2) Isabelle Boutron (Professor of epidemiology, Université de Paris and Director of Cochrane France, France)
- 3) Declan Devan (Professor of Nursing and Midwifery, National University of Ireland, and Scientific Director of Cochrane Ireland, Ireland)
- 4) Lesley Stewart (Professor of Evidence Synthesis and Director of CDR, University of York, UK)
- 5) Lone Kjeld Petersen (Professor of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Odense University Hospital; Denmark)
- 6) Kirsten Kyvik (Head of Research, Region Zealand, Denmark)
- 7) Anders Perner (Professor of Intensive Care Medicine, University of Copenhagen, and Vice Chair of the Organization of Danish Medical Societies, Denmark)
- 8) Klaus Lunding (Chairman, Danish Patients, Denmark)
- 9) Ole Jakob Storebø (Professor and Head of the Center for Evidence-Based Psychiatry, Psychiatric Research Unit, Region Zealand, Denmark)
- 10) Henrik Toft Sørensen (Professor of Clinical Epidemiology and Chair of Department, Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Aarhus University, Denmark)

II. Research activity

Research publications: overview

In total, researchers at the Centre¹ authored 62 scholarly publications: 46 articles in peer reviewed journals, three editorials, ten commentaries or letter to the editor, two book chapters, and one report.

Of the 46 articles published in peer reviewed journals, 43 were indexed in Scopus. Among these publications, 42 articles (98%) were published in journals ranked in the top 25% in their category, and 36 articles (84%) were published in journals ranked in the top 10% in their category.

Nine articles (20%) were published in one of the “big five”² general medical journals: four in *The BMJ*, two in *JAMA*, two in *The Lancet*, and one in *Annals of Internal Medicine*. There were 13 articles (28%) published in core journals for Cochrane and evidence-based medicine.³ A total of twenty articles (43%) had main authors (first or last) from the Centre.

List of publications: Articles (full articles or editorials) in peer reviewed journals

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- 2) Autier P, Jørgensen KJ, Støvring H. Evaluation of screening mammography effectiveness: The IARC recommendations of 2015 need revision. *European Journal of Cancer*. 2025. doi: 10.1016/j.ejca.2025.115657

¹ Researchers employed by the centre in 2025, or researchers who had had been employed before 2025 and had then worked on the publication in question

² The Lancet, The New England Journal of Medicine, Annals of Internal Medicine, JAMA or The BMJ

³ Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Journal of Clinical Epidemiology, BMC Medical Research Methodology, and Cochrane Evidence Synthesis and Methods

- 3) Bjerrum S, Yang B, Åhsberg J, Olbrich L, Damkjær MW, Nathavitharana RR, Broger T, Olaru ID, Sweetser B, Poore H, Razid A, Kay AW, Denkinger CM, Schiller I, Dendukuri N, Jaganath D, Lundh A, Shah, M. Parallel use of low-complexity automated nucleic acid amplification tests and lateral flow urine lipoarabinomannan assays to detect tuberculosis disease in adults and adolescents living with HIV. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. 2025. doi: 10.1002/14651858.CD016070
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Bibliometric overview 2021-2025

See the figures⁴ below illustrating the development of the number of scientific articles by Centre researchers (and various subgroups of publications) and the total number of citations to such articles in Scopus since the merge of Cochrane Denmark and Centre of Evidence-Based Medicine Odense in 2021.

Figure 1. Number of articles in peer reviewed journals (left vertical axis) and accumulated number of citations (right vertical axis) to such articles, by publication year

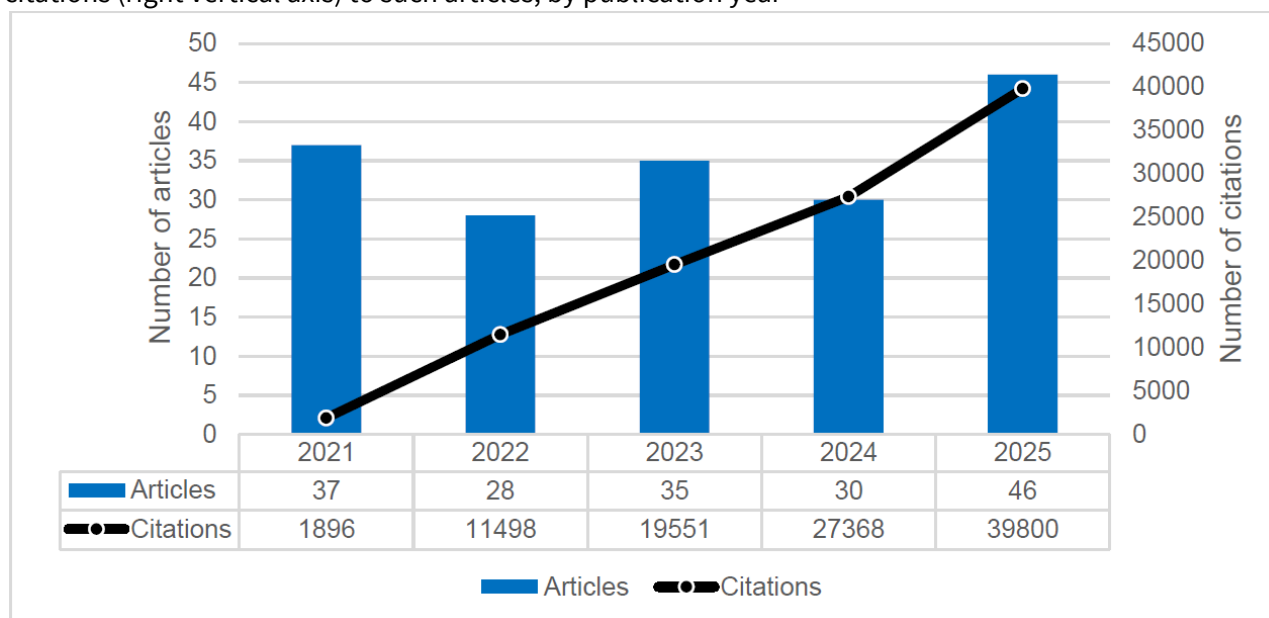
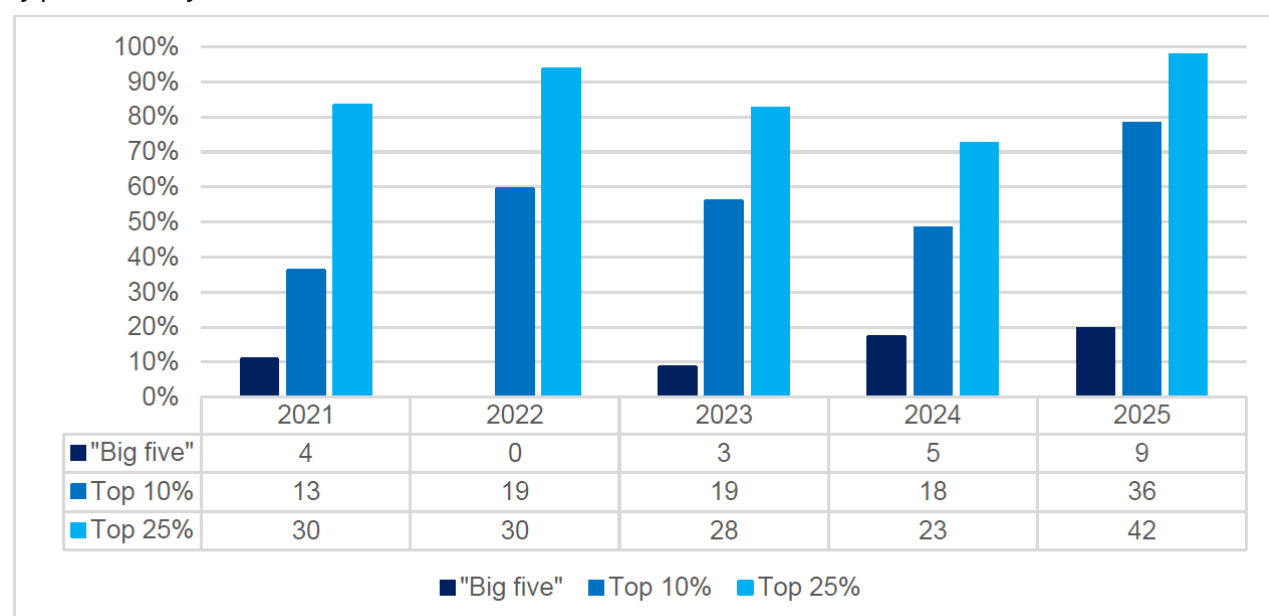


Figure 2. Number and percentage of articles published in the "big five", top 10% and top 25% journals, by publication year⁵



⁴ We have used Scopus as a data source to generate Figure 1-4, except for the number of articles in Figure 1. The Centre published 46 journal articles, 43 of these were indexed in Scopus.

⁵ Data from top 10% is also included in top 25%

Figure 3. Number and percentage of articles published with a main author from CD-CEBMO or in a core journal, by publication year

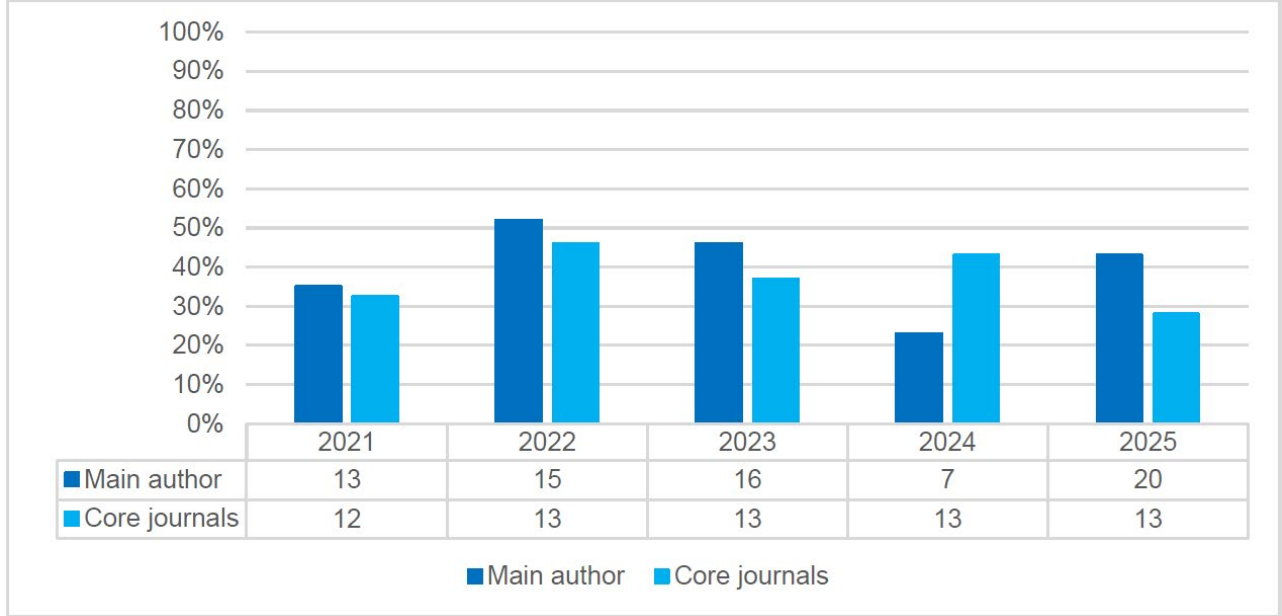
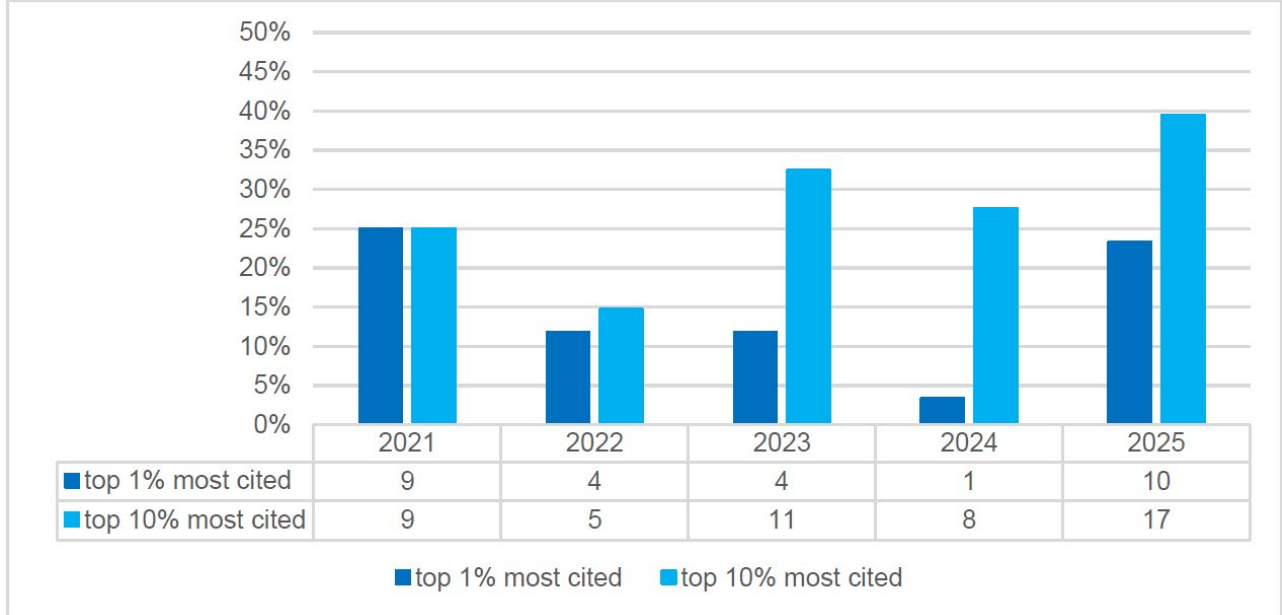


Figure 4. Number and percentage of articles in top citation percentiles, by publication year⁶⁷



⁶ Show as field-weighted

⁷ Data from top 1% is included in top 10%

Overview of selected large international projects

TACIT – Tool for Addressing Conflicts of Interests in Trials. Our centre leads the development of a tool for addressing conflicts of interests in randomised trials included in systematic reviews. The project is supported by an international working group and a steering group. See the [TACIT website](#). The project is co-led by Andreas Lundh and Asbjørn Hróbjartsson. The main publication is expected in 2026.

COMFIT – Commercial Funding in Trials. Our Centre led the work on constructing a database, combining unpublished data from multiple methods studies to investigate the impact of commercial funding on estimated intervention effects in randomised clinical trials. The project is co-led by Asbjørn Hróbjartsson, Andreas Lundh, and Camilla Hansen Nejstgaard. The main publication is expected in 2026.

PRISMA-P 2027 – An updated reporting guideline for systematic review protocols. Leading international experts, e.g., researchers behind the original PRISMA-P initiative, are included in the project group. The project is co-led by Camilla Nejstgaard Hansen, Asbjørn Hróbjartsson and Professor Lesley Stewart from University of York.

SPIRIT-CONSORT – Reporting guidelines for protocols and final reports of randomised clinical trials. Our Centre was represented in the Executive Group. The group coordinated follow-ups to the published SPIRIT 2025 and CONSORT 2025 statements.

INSPECT-SR – INveStigating ProBlEmatic Clinical Trials in Systematic Reviews. The project is led by Jack Wilkinson, Centre for Biostatistics, The University of Manchester, Manchester Academic Health Science Centre, Manchester, UK. Andreas Lundh was member of the working group by. The main publication is expected in 2026.

AI4RoB – Artificial Intelligence tools for Risk of Bias assessment in systematic reviews. This living review will evaluate artificial intelligence tools for risk of bias assessment in systematic reviews. The project is conducted under the auspices of the Cochrane Bias Methods Group. AI4RoB aims to provide an up-to-date overview of the performance, applicability, and methodological considerations of AI-assisted risk of bias assessment tools. The project is led by Loai Albarqouni and Asbjørn Hróbjartsson

Meta-epidemiological review and analysis of diagnostic test accuracy studies, aiming to estimate the effects of blinding and other bias associated study characteristics. The project involves experts from Italy, The Netherlands and England and is led by Jeppe Bennekou Schroll. The main publication is expected in 2027.

PhD projects

In 2025, there were eight PhD Fellows at CD-CEBMO: David Ruben Teindl Laursen, Lasse Østengaard, Christoffer Bruun Korfitsen, Mathias Weiss Damkjær, Mihaela Ivosevic Broager, Mette Bangshof Engmose, Josefina Salazar, and Cecilie Jespersen. In addition, one research assistant was preparing her PhD: Ziheng Chen.

David Laursen: Active placebo as control intervention in pre-clinical and clinical randomised trials. The first two sub-projects investigated the impact of using active placebo controls (rather than standard non-active placebos) on estimated drug effect. Asbjørn Hróbjartsson is primary supervisor.

Lasse Østengaard: Citation principles in clinical research.

The objective of Lasse's PhD project is to characterise and analyse the content and variability of principles for citations in clinical research. The study will provide an empirical basis for reflections on adequacy of citations and serve as the evidence foundation for the development of a citation guideline which is a planned extension of the PhD study. Asbjørn Hróbjartsson is primary supervisor.

Christoffer Bruun Korfitsen: Conflicts of interest in peer review of biomedical research.

Christoffer's project aims to investigate conflicts of interest in peer review of biomedical research. The first sub-project mapped the research on peer reviewers' conflicts of interest. The other sub-projects investigated journal policies and practices on peer reviewers' conflicts of interest, and journal editors' and researchers' experiences with peer reviewers' conflicts of interest. Andreas Lundh is primary supervisor.

Mathias Weiss Damkjær: medical devices.

Mathias' project focuses on challenges with medical devices and diagnostic tests. Challenges with approval and implementation of medical devices were examined in an initial sub-project and further explored in sub-project that examined benefit and harms in a new medical device (vaginal laser). Another sub-project examined diagnostic accuracy of COVID-19 tests before and after regulatory approval while the last sub-project will examine study characteristics that may influence accuracy in diagnostic studies. Jeppe Bennekou Schroll is primary supervisor.

Mihaela Ivosevic Broager: Planning meta-analyses for systematic reviews.

Mihaela's project aims to investigate analysis plans in systematic reviews. The project involves charting existing guidance for systematic review analysis plans, characterise and analyse experienced systematic review authors' perspectives on the ideal content of analysis plans for systematic reviews, and analyse format and content of analysis plans for systematic reviews, e.g., how analysis plans and protocol amendments impact the results of systematic reviews. Camilla Hansen Nejstgaard is primary supervisor.

Mette Bangshof Engmose: Reporting practices in systematic reviews.

Mette's project aims to investigate reporting practices in systematic reviews. The project involves charting reporting practices and user experiences with the reporting guideline for systematic review protocols (PRISMA-P 2015). Furthermore, the project will investigate frequency of selective inclusion and discrepant outcome reporting in systematic reviews. Camilla Hansen Nejstgaard is primary supervisor.

Josefina Salazar: Bias in results of randomised trials: Direction, threshold, and context.

The overall objective of this PhD project is to describe and analyse the direction of bias, the threshold for minimal relevance of bias, and the contextual variation of observer bias in randomised clinical trials. Asbjørn Hróbjartsson is primary supervisor.

Cecilie Jespersen: Protocols, registration and reporting bias in epidemiological studies of interventions.

The overall objective is 1) to chart research practices and explore methodological positions on study registration and protocols for cohort and case-control studies of interventions; and 2) to evaluate publication bias in cohort and case-control studies of interventions. Asbjørn Hróbjartsson is primary supervisor.

In addition, Ziheng Chen has commenced preparation for her PhD project on screening with whole-body MRI/CT scans and blood-based genetic tests for multiple cancers. Karsten Juhl Jørgensen is planned primary supervisor.

PhD project supervision

Jeppe Bennekou Schroll acted as project supervisor for one PhD Fellow, who had primary affiliation with another centre: Mette Hartmann Nonboe: “Trial 23: Cervical cancer screening in HPV-vaccinated women”.

III. Promotion of Cochrane in Denmark and support to Cochrane authors based in Denmark as well as Cochrane internationally

Supporting national collaboration within Cochrane and evidence-based medicine

The heads of the three Cochrane Review Group based in Denmark and Asbjørn Hróbjartsson held video meetings approximately every three months. The meetings provided a forum for discussing recent Cochrane developments.

The Danish EBM Network was established in 2022. The Network aims to foster collaboration between persons interested in evidence-based medicine and Cochrane activities in Denmark. In 2025 there were 85 persons on the mailing list. Lasse Østengaard was daily coordinator. We arranged a half-day meeting with optional dinner in the spring of 2025 with 51 participants.

In 2025, an affiliate Cochrane Unit was established in Aarhus, with funding for three years. Asbjørn Hróbjartsson gave a talk at the inauguration and have had regular meetings with core staff.

Teaching sessions on Cochrane methods and clinical epidemiology (not SDU)

Researchers from the centre taught in: a Course in clinical decision-making at University of Copenhagen; six lectures on post-graduate training courses in rational clinical decision making, Danish Health Authority, and a session on guideline methods, including Cochrane methods (search strategy, PICO-question, study selection, data extraction) for Danish Association for Gynaecology and obstetrics; a pre-graduate course on evidence-based medicine and screening, Dartmouth Institute, USA; and contributed to two five-day PhD-courses in Cochrane methods at the University of Lund, Sweden.

Talks on Cochrane methods and clinical epidemiology

Researchers at the centre gave talks on: protocols and publications at research ethical committee for Capital Region; Research Ethics Board in Capital Region: Discriminating protocols amendments and new projects; Rational prioritization in health care and time needed to treat, Council of Chief Physicians, Aarhus University Hospital; Rational prioritization in health care and time needed to treat at Hay Festival of philosophy and music, UK. Rational prioritization in health care and time needed to treat, conference on quality in health care, Aalborg; Evidence and scientific communication at the press unit, Faculty of Health, SDU; Evidence and change of clinical practice at the Danish Orthopaedic Surgeons' Conference; Meta-analyses at the pharmaco-epidemiological research unit, SDU; SPIRIT-CONSORT at SDU.

Training Cochrane authors

See below under ‘Course activity on Cochrane methodology and systematic reviews.’

Media contact

During the year, Centre staff were contacted by, or was otherwise mentioned, in the following media: TV2; Videnskab.dk; Politiken; Altinget; Dagens Medicin; DR P1 Morgen; Orientering; DR News; and the Podcasts: “*Mens Du Venter*”; “*Kan man tænke sig rask?*”.

International Cochrane activities

The Centre hosts the secretariat for the Cochrane Bias Methods Group. The group is responsible for methods guidance to Cochrane, contributing to the Cochrane Handbook, developing the Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool, and coordinating methods research on bias. Asbjørn Hróbjartsson is co-convenor with Senior Research Fellow Matt Page, Cochrane Australia; Professor Isabelle Boutron, Cochrane France; and Professor Julian Higgins, University of Bristol, UK. The group’s research coordinator is Camilla Hansen Nejstgaard.

Members of staff served on Advisory Boards, etc.

PROSPERO, University of York, UK; Centre of Evidence-Based Psychiatry, Region Sjælland; member of the Coordinating Group for GRADE Nordic Network; Chair of Advisory Board for Cochrane Sweden; Member of Research Committee for the Preventing Overdiagnosis conference; and treasurer and member of steering committee, Danish Society for Medical Philosophy, Ethics, and Methodology.

IV. Research training and methods guidance

Throughout 2025, our team supported research training activities and methods guidance aimed at Cochrane authors in Denmark, and university students, healthcare researchers, guideline developers and health professionals at University of Southern Denmark and Odense University Hospital. The Centre offers guidance for students and researchers to support them when conducting a clinical study, typically a systematic review.

We offered walk-in methods clinics, and short-term and long-term guidance. The two-hour clinics were held once every month (except January and July). The short-term service consisted of a up to 1-hour guidance and the long-term guidance consisted of a total of up to 10-hours support.

Methods consultancy, general

We offered 13 workshops (eight ordinary and five thematic) and provided short-term guidance to a total of 61 review projects.

We provided long-term guidance to 43 consultancy projects, including five Cochrane Reviews and 16 randomised trials (see below).

Methods consultancy related to randomised trials

During 2025, we expanded our close cooperation with the Clinical Trial Unit (CTU) at OPEN (Regional research support unit). Our guidance focused on academic and methodological aspects during planning and protocol development as well as dissemination, e.g. relevance of the trial, design considerations, registration, reporting guidelines, and dissemination plans. We provided long-term guidance for 16 trial projects.

Course activity on Cochrane methodology and systematic reviews

We have a portfolio of courses on Cochrane methodology on how to conduct a systematic review or evidence synthesis. The courses are aimed at Cochrane authors from Denmark broadly and for researchers at Odense University Hospital and Department of Clinical Research at the University of Southern Denmark.

The portfolio of courses consists of 1) free access to Cochrane Online Learning Modules; 2) a one-day introductory course on systematic reviews, and 3) a four-day advanced course on systematic reviews. Both courses were held twice in 2025.

IV. Teaching Evidence-Based Medicine at University of Southern Denmark

Our Centre led the course in evidence-based medicine for medical students at the University of Southern Denmark. We organised the course, taught, and examined approximately 150 medical students per semester. The course lasts a total of five weeks (8 ETCS) and aims to provide students with skills that allow them to frame a structured clinical question, identify the relevant scientific literature, and critically appraise the identified clinical studies. Each year, professors and associate professors from our Centre contribute with 32 hours of lectures, and postdocs and PhD Fellows contribute with 18 hours of case-work instructions and 330 hours of instructions and feedback to written assignments of a critically appraised topic (CAT).

One member of our team also gave two double lectures as part of the MSc programme in Pharmacy at the Faculty of Health Sciences at University of Southern Denmark.

PhD courses

The two courses (1-day and 4-day course) described above (Course activity for Cochrane authors and for researchers wanting to do systematic reviews) had status as PhD courses

V. Other activities

Specialist training

Senior staff contributed to specialist education in internal medicine: Course in rational pharmacotherapy and Systematic review methods to physicians under specialization in emergency medicine.

Assessments of academic theses or positions

Senior researchers at the centre served as Chair of one PhD assessment committee, and as external assessor for one PhD Thesis.

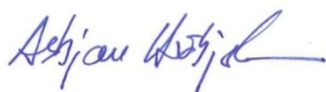
Other talks

Helena Van Beersel Krejcikova gave two talks for the Senate of the Czech Republic, on the bill on palliative care, end-of-life decision and euthanasia. She also contributed to two master courses “Law, Ethics and Medicine” and “Legal Liability in Healthcare”, at Charles University, the Czech Republic.

VII. Overview of main developments and changes from 2024

During the year, researchers at the Centre published a robust number of articles in journals with high impact factor, most notably nine publications in a “Big Five” journal, e.g., the SPIRIT 2025 and the CONSORT 2025 statements. The articles often involved international collaboration, had first/last author from the Centre, and the questions addressed were central to Cochrane and evidence-based medicine. A new Cochrane unit was established at Aarhus University, thus expanding Cochrane activities more evenly geographically across Denmark. We broadened our collaboration with the Clinical Trials Unit at Odense University Hospital, thus expanding our consultancy service. Finally, we expanded our research portfolio to include the role of artificial intelligence in systematic reviews.

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