

# Other articles noted

The purpose and procedure section in each issue of *Evidence-Based Medicine* describes the criteria for selecting articles for inclusion. The journals read are also listed in each issue. All articles that meet our criteria in the reviewed journals are cited in *Evidence-Based Medicine*, but there is not enough space to abstract them all. The following articles passed all criteria but were not abstracted. Practising clinicians rated them for clinical relevance and newsworthiness, and the mean scores are displayed. A fuller list of articles and a sample of the rating form are available on the *Evidence-Based Medicine* web site ([www.evidence-basedmedicine.com/cgi/content/full/10/5/e1](http://www.evidence-basedmedicine.com/cgi/content/full/10/5/e1)).

## THERAPEUTICS

McAlister F, Ezekowitz J, Wiebe N, et al. Cardiac resynchronization therapy for congestive heart failure. *Evid Rep Technol Assess (Summ)* 2004;**106**:1–8.

IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★★ Cardiology ★★★★★★

Kotowska M, Albrecht P, Szajewska H. *Saccharomyces boulardii* in the prevention of antibiotic-associated diarrhoea in children: a randomized double-blind placebo-controlled trial. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther* 2005;**21**:583–90.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★ Gastroenterology ★★★★★★ Infectious disease ★★★★★★ Paediatrics ★★★★★★

Borstad GC, Bryant LR, Abel MP, et al. Colchicine for prophylaxis of acute flares when initiating allopurinol for chronic gouty arthritis. *J Rheumatol* 2004;**31**:2429–32.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★★ Rheumatology ★★★★★★

Rojas MP, Telaro E, Russo A, et al. Follow-up strategies for women treated for early breast cancer. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(1):CD001768.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★ Oncology ★★★★★★

Shaukat A, Scouras N, Schunemann HJ. Role of supplemental calcium in the recurrence of colorectal adenomas: a metaanalysis of randomized controlled trials. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2005;**100**:390–4.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★★ Gastroenterology ★★★★★★ Oncology ★★★★★★

Dorffler-Melly J, Koopman MM, Prins MH, et al. Antiplatelet and anticoagulant drugs for prevention of restenosis/reocclusion following peripheral endovascular treatment. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(1):CD002071.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★ Internal medicine ★★★★★★ Haematology ★★★★★★ Surgery ★★★★★★

Streppel MT, Arends LR, van 't Veer P, et al. Dietary fiber and blood pressure: a meta-analysis of randomized placebo-controlled trials. *Arch Intern Med* 2005;**165**:150–6.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★

van de Laar FA, Lucassen PL, Akkermans RP, et al. Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors for patients with type 2 diabetes: results from a Cochrane systematic review and meta-analysis. *Diabetes Care* 2005;**28**:154–63.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★★ Endocrine ★★★★★★

Andersen NH, Poulsen PL, Knudsen ST, et al. Long-term dual blockade with candesartan and lisinopril in hypertensive

patients with diabetes: the CALM II study. *Diabetes Care* 2005;**28**:273–7.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★★ Endocrine ★★★★★★

Kar BR, Handa S, Dogra S, et al. Placebo-controlled oral pulse prednisolone therapy in alopecia areata. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2005;**52**:287–90.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★ Dermatology ★★★★★★

Fergusson D, Doucette S, Glass KC, et al. Association between suicide attempts and selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors: systematic review of randomised controlled trials. 2005;**330**:396.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★★ Mental health ★★★★★★ Psychiatry ★★★★★★

Mendelow AD, Gregson BA, Fernandes HM, et al. Early surgery versus initial conservative treatment in patients with spontaneous supratentorial intracerebral haematomas in the International Surgical Trial in Intracerebral Haemorrhage (STICH): a randomised trial. *Lancet* 2005;**365**:387–97.

Internal medicine ★★★★★★ Neurology ★★★★★★ Surgery ★★★★★★

Wong CA, Scavone BM, Peaceman AM, et al. The risk of cesarean delivery with neuraxial analgesia given early versus late in labor. *N Engl J Med* 2005;**352**:655–65.

GP/FP/Anaesthesia ★★★★★★ GP/FP/Obstetrics ★★★★★★ Obstetrics ★★★★★★

Flather MD, Shibata MC, Coats AJ, et al. Randomized trial to determine the effect of nebivolol on mortality and cardiovascular hospital admission in elderly patients with heart failure (SENIORS). *Eur Heart J* 2005;**26**:215–25.

Cardiology ★★★★★★

Tharyan P, Adams CE. Electroconvulsive therapy for schizophrenia. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(2):CD000076.

Endocrine ★★★★★★

Beck JI, Boothroyd C, Proctor M, et al. Oral anti-oestrogens and medical adjuncts for subfertility associated with anovulation. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(1):CD002249.

Gynaecology ★★★★★★ Obstetrics ★★★★★★

Bradley R, Greene J, Russ E, et al. A multidimensional meta-analysis of psychotherapy for PTSD. *Am J Psychiatry* 2005;**162**:214–27.

Mental health ★★★★★★ Psychiatry ★★★★★★

Argyriou AA, Chroni E, Koutras A, et al. Vitamin E for prophylaxis against chemotherapy-induced neuropathy: a randomized controlled trial. *Neurology* 2005;**64**:26–31.

Neurology ★★★★★★ Oncology ★★★★★★

Costa J, Espirito-Santo C, Borges A, *et al.* Botulinum toxin type A versus anticholinergics for cervical dystonia. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(1):CD004312.

Neurology ★★★★★☆

Glazener CM, Evans JH, Peto RE. Alarm interventions for nocturnal enuresis in children. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(2):CD002911.

Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Bellamy N, Campbell J, Robinson V, *et al.* Intraarticular corticosteroid for treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(2):CD005328.

Physical medicine & rehabilitation ★★★★★☆

Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Quinn MA, Conaghan PG, ÓConnor PJ, *et al.* Very early treatment with infliximab in addition to methotrexate in early, poor-prognosis rheumatoid arthritis reduces magnetic resonance imaging evidence of synovitis and damage, with sustained benefit after infliximab withdrawal: results from a twelve-month randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial. *Arthritis Rheum* 2005;52:27–35.

Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Hirschl M, Katzenschlager R, Francesconi C, *et al.* Low level laser therapy in primary Raynaud's phenomenon—results of a placebo controlled, double blind intervention study. *J Rheumatol* 2004;31:2408–12.

Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Bucher P, Mermillod B, Gervaz P, *et al.* Mechanical bowel preparation for elective colorectal surgery: a meta-analysis. *Arch Surg* 2004;139:1359–64.

Surgery—colorectal ★★★★★☆

Altunajji S, Kukuruzovic R, Curtis N, *et al.* Antibiotics for whooping cough (pertussis). *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(1):CD004404.

Tropical & travel medicine ★★★★★☆ Respiriology

★★★★☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Eisenhut M, Omari AA. Intrarectal quinine for treating *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(1):CD004009.

Tropical & travel medicine ★★★★★☆

Cirillo DJ, Wallace RB, Rodabough RJ, *et al.* Effect of estrogen therapy on gallbladder disease. *JAMA* 2005;293:330–9.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Gastroenterology ★★★★★☆

Rubak S, Sandbaek A, Lauritzen T, *et al.* Motivational interviewing: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Br J Gen Pract* 2005;55:305–12.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆

Milo G, Katchman EA, Paul M, *et al.* Duration of antibacterial treatment for uncomplicated urinary tract infection in women. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(2):CD004682.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Infectious disease ★★★★★☆ Gynaecology ★★★★★☆

Stiasny-Kolster K, Benes H, Peglau I, *et al.* Effective cabergoline treatment in idiopathic restless legs syndrome. *Neurology* 2004;63:2272–9.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Neurology ★★★★★☆

Sowers JR, White WB, Pitt B, *et al.* The effects of cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitors and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory therapy on 24-hour blood pressure in patients with hypertension, osteoarthritis, and type 2 diabetes mellitus. *Arch Intern Med* 2005;165:161–8.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Endocrine ★★★★★☆ Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Simoens S, Matheson C, Bond C, *et al.* The effectiveness of community maintenance with methadone or buprenorphine for treating opiate dependence. *Br J Gen Pract* 2005;55:139–46.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Mental health ★★★★★☆

Calfalonieri M, Urbino R, Potena A, *et al.* Hydrocortisone infusion for severe community-acquired pneumonia: a preliminary randomized study. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2005;171:242–8.

Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Infectious disease ★★★★★☆ Respiriology ★★★★★☆

Costa J, Espirito-Santo C, Borges A, *et al.* Botulinum toxin type A therapy for cervical dystonia. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(1):CD003633.

Neurology ★★★★★☆

Arrich J, Piribauer F, Map P, *et al.* Intra-articular hyaluronic acid for the treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee: systematic review and meta-analysis. *CMAJ* 2005;172:1039–43.

Rheumatology ★★★★★☆ Orthopaedics ★★★★★☆

## PROGNOSIS

Heuts PH, de Bie R, Drieteelaar M, *et al.* Self-management in osteoarthritis of hip or knee: a randomized clinical trial in a primary healthcare setting. *J Rheumatol* 2005;32:543–9.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

## AETIOLOGY

Martel MJ, Rey E, Beauchesne MF, *et al.* Use of inhaled corticosteroids during pregnancy and risk of pregnancy induced hypertension: nested case-control study. *BMJ* 2005;330:230.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Obstetrics ★★★★★☆ Respiriology ★★★★★☆

Albert CM, Chae CU, Rexrode KM, *et al.* Phobic anxiety and risk of coronary heart disease and sudden cardiac death among women. *Circulation* 2005;111:480–7.

Mental health ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆

Kragelund C, Gronning B, Kober L, *et al.* N-terminalpro-B-type natriuretic peptide and long-term mortality in stable coronary heart disease. *N Engl J Med* 2005;352:666–75.

IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆