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SCS Meta-Analysis Developments

This month, [Goudman et al.](#) published a new systematic review (SR) and meta-analysis (MA) of treatment options for persistent spinal pain syndrome (PSPS) Type II in which they concluded that "Neuromodulation [SCS], followed by conservative treatment options, seems to be the most effective treatment option to obtain pain relief in patients with PSPS-T2." Also this month, another SR and MA of interventions (invasive treatments) excluding SCS (and thus not indexed here) ([Wang et al. 2025](#)) concluded that "compared with sham procedures, commonly performed interventional procedures for axial or radicular chronic non-cancer spine pain may provide little to no pain relief." This conclusion was immediately incorporated into practice guidelines ([Busse et al. 2025](#)). Both were published in the influential *British Medical Journal*, eliciting prompt and spirited critical commentary on line, presumably to be published in forthcoming letters to the editor.

With the addition this month of the Goudman paper, our MA section has grown by 5 since its December launch, and it now totals 52 MAs. We continue our efforts to develop the section as a useful resource for clinicians, researchers, academics, peer reviewers, and the neuromodulation community in general. We have a growing international group of collaborators whose suggestions and comments inform the process. Please email us about any new features you would like to see.

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