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Improved Delivery Method: A Message from Jane

In our efforts to make WIKISTIM as useful as possible, we pay close attention to user feedback and measures of performance, and sometimes these are puzzling. In June 2024, for example, shortly after I published our monthly newsletter, a wave of emails rolled into my inbox informing me of people who had unsubscribed. Was it something I said, I wondered? Or was there a glitch in our system? The latter was confirmed when I received several emails over the next few days from people asking why they had been unsubscribed and asking to be reinstated.

One month after the "unsubscribe" glitch, however, a statistic known as the "reactivity" (or "clicks per open") of the newsletter dropped to 16%. Although above the industry standard, this was much lower than we had enjoyed prior to that point. In August, reactivity was down to 11%. Our talented web consultant, Don Willett, worked to ensure that all of our subscribers were receiving their newsletter, and our reactivity improved to 60% in May and 58% in June.

Along the way Dr. North and I had noticed that many of our WIKISTIM draft and final newsletters were arriving in our Junk folders. Since we use different email platforms, we suspected the problem originated with the sending protocol. Was this detracting from our reactivity, and could we correct it? This was an imponderable situation because it would be futile to send an email reminding our subscribers to check their Junk folders if their newsletters were bypassing their inboxes. Finally, Don suggested that we use a different service to distribute these emails. He finished configuring this last night, and we sent out a test that arrived in both of our inboxes.

We are grateful to Don for sticking with us to fix this problem. If you have missed one of our newsletters, remember they are all accessible (without registration) by clicking NEWS in the upper banner on our [homepage](#) or by [clicking this link](#). This newsletter will join them later in the week.

ALERT--[PubMed will be down for maintenance](#) starting at 9pm EDT on Friday, July 25th. They expect to have the website back up by Monday, July 28th. *Get your clicks in early!*

New Donations This Month!

This month, we have Dr. Todd Sitzman and Dr. Richard North to thank for their generous donations and for their continuing service on the WIKISTIM Editorial Board and the Board of Directors of The Neuromodulation Foundation, WIKISTIM's parent organization. **We continue to operate on a shoestring** and need your help to secure the future of WIKISTIM. Please ask yourself what you would pay for an annual subscription to this email and access to our website and donate accordingly. Again, we thank [all of our donors](#) and are happy to report our two new donations this month.



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****NEW**** When PubMed started indexing certain papers before they had undergone peer review, we decided to also include them in WIKISTIM. Unfortunately, we have found that the definitive publications appear with changed titles. We see this when we update epubs, but since we are already making changes in the database in those entries, this isn't a problem. In the case of the pre-peer-reviewed articles, however, we are finding the new titles at the point of checking our monthly groups of new entries for duplicates. If we didn't remove the temporary citations, we would have two entries for the same study, which isn't good practice. We decided, therefore, to list all of the pre-peer-review papers for all stimulation targets that we find each month together (see the last group of citations). We will include them in the appropriate database when/if a definitive publication appears.

Whenever possible, we provide free full-text links. In most cases, we link directly to a PDF. In a few cases, our Free Full Text link points instead to a link leading to the PDF because clicking the PDF link causes an immediate download. We also do this in cases where the URL has a "watermark" or is ridiculously long.

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