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Insights from WIKISTIM's Spinal Cord Stimulation Meta-Analysis Section

As we reported in [June](#), we have substantially expanded our new spinal cord stimulation (SCS) meta-analysis (MA) section, and we are working on methods of visualization and systematic review. Viewed in a spreadsheet, the data show immediately that the annual rate of new MA publications has increased more than ten-fold in recent years, and that this rate continues: our database now contains 58 SCS MAs, up from 47 when we launched in December 2024. The design of underlying primary studies has been changing (e.g., comparisons of novel with conventional SCS waveforms, as opposed to alternative medical and surgical treatments; use of sham or placebo controls). Likewise, MA methodologies are increasingly sophisticated (viz., network MAs). Compliance with AMSTAR criteria for quality is increasing over time.

Our expansion is thanks to our volunteer abstracters, whom we are proud to introduce here:



Mahtab Darvish, MD, is a board-certified physical medicine & rehabilitation (PM&R) specialist who completed residency training in Iran and continued her training in PM&R at the University of Michigan and the University of Maryland. She is now part of the Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Darvish's clinical and research interests focus on interventional and chronic pain management, neuromodulation, and the integration of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence and extended reality, into rehabilitation care. She is passionate about advancing innovative, patient-centered strategies to better manage pain and improve functional outcomes.



Sujeivan Mahendram, MD, MsC, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who completed training at Wayne State University followed by a fellowship in chronic/interventional pain medicine at Johns Hopkins University. Currently, Dr. Mahendram's interests lie in exploring new techniques to manage chronic pain using various imaging modalities, as well as a particular focus in neuromodulation and medical education.

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