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REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM PUBLICATION

This review was withdrawn from *The Cochrane Library* in issue 2, 2009 as the remaining review author was not able to undertake the update due to other work commitments.

The editorial group responsible for this previously published document have withdrawn it from publication.

FEEDBACK

Nasal decongestants for the common cold

Summary

Two issues identified in the course of preparing an abstract for the journal Evidence-based Health Care.

1. Minor disagreement concerning scope of review. Most readers will probably be interested in what relieves congestion, irrespective of whether it is single or multiple agent. This would suggest that considering both single and multiple agent preparations in the review would be useful, although clearly it would be important to clearly indicate which was which.

2. Major disagreement on your interpretation of the results of the single trial on multiple dose. You've interpreted this as suggesting multiple dosing is ineffective. In fact we have no evidence one way or the other. The confidence intervals are compatible with both important improvements (similar in size to that highlighted for single dose use) and important disbenefit ie WMD -0.07 95%CI -0.21 to +0.07.

Hope these comments are useful.

Best wishes. Chris Hyde.

I certify that I have no affiliations with or involvement in any organisation or entity with a direct financial interest in the subject matter of my criticisms.

Reply

A1. We do not review multiple agents as this would be a duplication of part of the review covered by: De Sutter AIM, Lemiengre M, Campbell H, Mackinnon HF. Antihistamines for the common cold (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 4, 2003. Chichester, UK: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. CD001267

A2. We have amended the discussion to resolve this issue.

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Reply to feedback added 06/01/04

WHAT'S NEW

Date	Event	Description
1 February 2009	Amended	Withdrawn from <i>The Cochrane Library</i> , issue 2, 2009

HISTORY

Protocol first published: Issue 1, 1999

Review first published: Issue 1, 2000

Date	Event	Description
14 May 2008	Amended	Converted to new review format.
9 November 2006	New search has been performed	Searches conducted. Jenny Latte repeated the original searches. Twelve new studies were identified. A thirteenth study was sent to the review authors by a reader of the review. The review authors are awaiting publication of the fourteenth study. The review now has data for safety analysis.
31 January 2004	New search has been performed	Searches conducted. Original co-author has been removed (Lisa Bickford) and new co-author, G Jenny Latte (GJL) added. Michael Draper repeated the original search strategy up to September 2003. Ruth Foxlee repeated the original search strategy up to February 2004. Jenny Latte repeated the original search strategy in EMBASE up to February 2004. One new included study was identified. Fourteen new studies which were excluded were identified. Confidence intervals (CI's) have been added to the results section at the request of a Feedback comment.
5 January 2004	Feedback has been incorporated	Reply to feedback added to review
15 May 1999	New search has been performed	Searches conducted

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

Internal sources

- No sources of support supplied

External sources

- Cochrane Acute Respiratory Infections Review Group, Australia.