

Dear Madam/Sir,

We are contacting potential users of a Preclinical Spinal Cord Injury Knowledge Base (PSINK) that will foster translation of therapeutic concepts into clinical practice to support recovery of paraplegic patients. Initiated by the Center for Neuronal Regeneration (CNR e.V.) in Düsseldorf, Germany, an interdisciplinary consortium of neurobiologists, clinical trial coordinators, computer linguists and machine learning experts is currently developing an automated interactive information system that processes the huge amounts of published unstructured textual data on design and outcomes of basic and preclinical SCI experiments. The knowledge base will allow cost-effective meta-analyses on the complete corpus of published experimental SCI data and thus enable researchers and clinicians to objectively assess the evidence-based probability of therapeutic success in human trials. You will find more information about PSINK and the consortium at: [www.psink.de](http://www.psink.de). The PSINK project is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF).

Because PSINK is a novel approach, we require the feedback of potential users of the knowledge base. Therefore, we have started a survey among international experts from academia, hospitals, trauma and rehabilitation centers, companies, funding agencies and public authorities. By completing the short questionnaire at <http://psink.de/psink/knowledgebasesurvey> you can provide a valuable contribution to the quality, design and usability of the knowledge base that will be available for the public.

Thank you very much in advance.

With kind regards,

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