

Council Authors' representative Candidate Statement

Family name (surname):	Srikesavan
First name(s):	Cynthia
Today's date:	25 August 2021
Role in a Cochrane Group:	Cochrane author

Please state:

1. Why you wish to run for a position on the Cochrane Council?

- To provide my input and expertise as a council member in all levels of practical matters that affect Cochrane
- To provide input to the Governing Board on behalf of Cochrane members in various challenges such as generation and uptake of Cochrane evidence and implementation initiatives in low- middle income countries
- To brainstorm and generate ideas to optimize the reach of Cochrane evidence, involvement of patient and public contributors, and the need for mixed-method reviews across the Cochrane groups

2. What skills, experiences or qualities you would bring to the Council

Diverse work experience

I have around 9 years of teaching and clinical experience from India and more than 6 years of postdoctoral research experience in the United Kingdom. I am keen on promoting the application of high-quality Cochrane evidence and addressing the challenges of utilising health evidence in low-resource health settings.

Academic skills

I am a physiotherapist by training and I have psychology degrees and a PhD in applied health sciences. I am trained in quantitative, qualitative, systematic reviews and mixed research methodologies and have 20 peer-reviewed publications so far. I have always been passionate about global health research and collaborating with health researchers from different countries. My main research area is implementation research.

Passion in Cochrane work

I am a Cochrane enthusiast and have great passion in Cochrane related activities; I served as a volunteer translation resource manager between August 2014 and 2016 in Cochrane Tamil translation projects. Our team translated around 450 Cochrane plain language summaries during that period. I have also independently produced Cochrane podcasts in Tamil. My voluntary contributions to Cochrane were recognized as below:

- 1) Winner of the Cochrane Collaboration symposium video competition for health professionals, Oxford in 2017. <https://tinyurl.com/yy3ar24q>
- 2) Runner-up in the University of Oxford's OxTalent award for contribution to Cochrane Tamil Podcasts in 2016. <https://tinyurl.com/yxzdqyno>
- 3) My journey as a Cochrane contributor: <https://www.cochrane.org/news/mycochranestory>

Experience working with cross-cultural teams

The research projects that I worked on had team members belonging to different cultures and I have enjoyed this aspect of my work. I am sensitive to cultural needs and committed to equality and inclusion.

Personal qualities

I believe in teamwork and passionate about evidence-based practice as a consumer/health researcher. I am a dedicated, result-oriented and hard-working person. I strongly believe in making small but consistent changes that can lead to amazing progress.

3. List the Cochrane Review(s) on which you have an Author role

- 1) Williams MA, **Srikesavan C***, Heine PJ, Bruce J, Brosseau L, Hoxey-Thomas N, Lamb SE. Exercise for rheumatoid arthritis of the hand. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. 2018(7).
- 2) Barclay-Goddard RE, Stevenson TJ, Poluha W, Ripat J, Nett C, **Srikesavan.C**. Interventions for improving community ambulation in individuals with stroke. Cochrane Collaboration Stroke group

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4. Acknowledge that you are aware of the commitment required to participate YES/ NO

Yes. I do.

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