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## **1. Why I wish to run for a position on the Cochrane Council**

I would be very honoured to become a member of the Council mainly for the following reasons.

First, authors are key in Cochrane, and the Council represents an opportunity to include their views in the organisation.

Second, Cochrane reviews are complex from a logistical, methodological and editorial point of view. The Council needs to know the difficulties the Cochrane authors face to support them and to foster their collaboration and enthusiasm.

Third, I am very grateful for everything I have learnt from Cochrane. Contributing to the Council would be one way of returning what I have received.

## **2. What skills, experience, or qualities I would bring to Council**

I am an experienced Cochrane contributor. Over the past ten years, I have contributed to Cochrane as an author, translator, trainer, and as the director of the Cochrane Associate Centre of Madrid. Moreover, given my professional background in the Iberoamerican region, I would provide a sensible representation for the non-English speaking members of Cochrane.

I also know the context in which many Cochrane authors collaborate: we often contribute voluntarily, and I consider that this enthusiasm must be maintained.

Finally, I would bring to the Council a valuable input obtained from my failures. For example, I didn't succeed in registering some of my title proposals, or sometimes, I was not able to anticipate the challenges that my reviews implied.

In summary, I honestly think that my in-depth knowledge of Cochrane can help the Council to accomplish its objectives.

## **3. I declare that I am aware of the commitment required to participate in the Council and its work.**

## **4. List of the Cochrane Reviews on which I have an Author role.**

1. Antibiotic prophylaxis for preventing burn wound infection
2. Decontamination of environmental surfaces in hospitals to reduce hospital-acquired infections
3. Gloves, gowns and masks for reducing the transmission of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) in the hospital setting
4. Indomethacin for intracranial hypertension secondary to severe traumatic brain injury in adults
5. Iodine supplementation for preventing iodine deficiency disorders in children and adolescents

6. Isolation as a strategy for controlling the transmission of hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in haemodialysis units
7. Mast cell stabilisers for seasonal and perennial allergic conjunctivitis
8. Nutritional supplements for patients being treated for active visceral leishmaniasis
9. Optimum second-line regimens for *Helicobacter pylori* eradication
10. Professional interventions to implement guidelines to prevent hazardous alcohol consumption by patients in primary care settings
11. Psychoeducation for the parents of people with severe mental illness
12. Rifapentine versus rifampicin for treating pulmonary tuberculosis
13. Sex as a prognostic factor for mortality in adults with acute symptomatic pulmonary embolism
14. Short-course versus long-course therapy of the same antibiotic for community-acquired pneumonia in adolescent and adult outpatients
15. Topical cyclosporine for atopic keratoconjunctivitis