

Consumer peer review checklist: intervention protocol

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| Name of peer reviewer |  |
| Date checklist due |  |

Thank you for agreeing to comment on this protocol for a Cochrane Intervention Protocol. As a person with the [condition or disease] in question in this review, or a carer or relation of someone with that [condition or disease], your perspective is invaluable in helping to make the review relevant to people considering this treatment.

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| **Do you have any potential conflict of interest?** | **Yes (details below)** | **No** |
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# Title

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| Can you understand the title? If not, can you identify which words or phrases are difficult to understand, or could you suggest any improvements to the wording? Does the title reflect what the Cochrane Protocol is about (you will need to read further before you can answer this)? If not, please explain. |

# Background

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| Does the background explain the topic clearly (i.e. are the healthcare need and intervention clear)? If not, which words or phrases are not clear, or how would you describe them? Does the background address the hopes and concerns of people considering the treatment? Is it clear “why it is important to do the review”? |

# Objectives

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| Are the objectives of the Cochrane Protocol clearly described? If not, which words or phrases are not clear, or can you suggest any improvements? Are the objectives relevant, and do you think they would help patients, carers and the public in making a healthcare decision? If not, please provide your reasons. |

# Criteria for considering reviews for inclusion in this review

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| **Types of studies:** Is it clear what types of studies (e.g. randomised controlled trials, observational studies) are to be used? Are the study designs appropriate? If not, please suggest the addition or deletion of any study designs. |
| **Types of participants:** Do the proposed participants cover all relevant groups of people who might want to use this treatment?If not, who else would it be helpful to include or exclude? |
| **Types of interventions:** Are the study interventions and comparisons/controls clearly described? Are the included interventions appropriate? If not, please explain. |
| **Types of outcome measures:** Are the outcome measures (benefits and harms/side effects) the ones that are important to consumers, patients and the public? Can you highlight any other outcomes that are important to users of this review? |

# Search methods for identification of studies

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| Do you have any comments on this section? |

# Data collection and analysis

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# Declarations of interest

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| Does the Cochrane Protocol acknowledge possible interests (e.g. personal or financial) that could have influenced the review authors? |

# Language and style of writing

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| a) Is the Cochrane Protocol reasonably easy to understand? Is the technical language used appropriately, and where possible, explained? If not, which sections need to be clearer and can you suggest any improvements? Is any language insensitive to consumers? Please suggest alternative phrases if possible.  b) Please list below any words that you think need further definition |

# Additional comments

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| Please add any other comments that you may have: |

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| I agree to be acknowledged on the CRG website | Yes | No |
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# Your details

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| Name: |  |
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| Please briefly describe your interest or expertise in the topic under review: | |

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