**APPENDICES**

**Appendix 1.-** Search strategies

**PubMed**

(((("Community-Acquired Infections"[MeSH Terms]) OR (Community OR Communities OR Residential OR Neighborhood OR Neighborhoods OR Neighbourhood OR Neighbourhoods)))

AND

("Clostridium"[Mesh] OR Clostridium))

AND

Difficile

**Embase**

('communicable disease'/exp OR community OR communities OR residential OR neighborhood OR neighborhoods OR neighbourhood OR neighbourhoods)

AND

'clostridium'/exp OR clostridium

AND

Difficile

**CINAHL**

(MH "Community-Acquired Infections+") OR Community OR Communities OR Residential OR Neighborhood OR Neighborhoods OR Neighbourhood OR Neighbourhoods

AND

(MH "Clostridium+") OR Clostridium

AND

Difficile

**Cochrane CENTRAL**

(((("Community-Acquired Infections"[MeSH Terms]) OR (Community OR Communities OR Residential OR Neighborhood OR Neighborhoods OR Neighbourhood OR Neighbourhoods)))

AND

("Clostridium"[Mesh] OR Clostridium))

AND

Difficile

**Scopus**

(TITLE-ABS-KEY(community OR communities OR residential OR neighborhood OR neighborhoods OR neighbourhood OR neighbourhoods)

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TITLE-ABS-KEY(clostridium)

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**Appendix 2.-** Data extraction tool

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**Appendix 3.-** Forest, Funnel and Doi plots

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| 3.1.- Antimicrobials |  |

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| 3.2.- Cephalosporins | |

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| 3.9.- Gastric acid suppressant | |

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| 3.10.- Histamine-2 receptor antagonists | |

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| 3.11.- Proton pump inhibitor | |

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| 3.12.- Aspirin | |

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| 3.13.- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs | |

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| 3.14.- Corticosteroids | |

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| 3.15.- Congestive heart disease | |

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| 3.16.- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease | |

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| 3.17.- Diabetes mellitus | |

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| 3.18.- Diverticular disease | |

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| 3.19.- Gastroesophageal reflux disease | |

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| 3.20.- Inflammatory bowel disease | |

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| 3.21.- Leukemia or Lymphoma | |

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| 3.22.- Peptic ulcer | |

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| 3.23.- Renal failure | |

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| 3.24.- Solid cancer | |

**Appendix 4.-** Sensitivity analysis

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| 4.1.- Antimicrobials by location | | |

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| 4.2.- Proton pump inhibitors by location | | |

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| 4.3.- Antimicrobials by life stage | | |

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| 4.4.- Proton pump inhibitors by life stage | | |