

Governing Board Elected Member Candidate Statement

Family name (surname):	Liu
First name(s):	Jianping
Today's date:	21-07-2020
Are you a current member of the Governing Board standing for re-election?	[No]
Are you a citizen or resident of a Lower- and-Middle-Income Country or Territory	[Yes] China

Questions 1-5: Experience and Motivation:

1. How and when did you first become involved in Cochrane and what has been your subsequent contribution to Cochrane's work (maximum 200 words)?

In 1997, I attended the first Cochrane training workshop in West China Hospital, Chengdu, China. And I was invited by the Hospital as a partner for applying for establishing Chinese Cochrane Center. At that time, I was working as head of Department of Epidemiology and associate professor at Third Military Medical University in Chongqing, China. Since my background is MD in infectious disease and PhD in epidemiology, I applied for a Cochrane review with the help of our workshop trainer Dr McIntosh at the Cochrane Hepato-Biliary Group. Since 1997, I became a registered author for doing Cochrane review and a handsearcher to identify clinical trials for the specialised registry of hepato-biliary group. In 1999, I was funded and trained at the Cochrane Australia for Cochrane review methodology. From May 2000, I was successfully funded by a grant from Danish Medical Council to do two Cochrane reviews on liver diseases, and spent 1.5 year at the Cochrane Hepato-Biliary Group. From June 2001, I was invited by Dr Youping Li to work at Chinese Cochrane Centre in charge of training. From Dec 2002, I took a new position as a lecturer at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK, until April 2005.

2. What experience do you have serving as a member of a governing board, board of directors, management group or similar? This might be within a non-for-profit or charitable organization, or a hospital or University. Please include the name(s) of the organization(s), the roles you played and other relevant information (maximum 200 words).

This is my first time to apply for member of Cochrane governing board, but I had previous experience as similar societies and associations, including chair of the EBM Committee at the China Association of Integrative Medicine (2011-2018), member of board of directors, president-elect, president of the International Society for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research (ISCMR.org) since 2007 till 2018. As for my management experience, I was a head of the department of epidemiology with 15 staffs between 1995 and 2000 at the Third Military Medical University in Chongqing, China. Since my returning work in China in 2005, I established EBM center at Beijing University of Chinese Medicine

(BUCM) as founding director until now. I used to be a dean of School of Basic Medical Science at BUCM between 2015 and 2018, managing a school with more than 250 staffs. From 2003, I have been working as an editor of the Cochrane Hepato-Biliary Group, and advisory board member for the Cochrane Complementary and Alternative Medicine Field (with Prof Brian Berman and Dr Susan Wieland). Based on my more than 20 years' experience with Cochrane and various positions, I accumulated rich experience in both managing and researching at societies and academic levels.

3. Acting as a Board member requires a collaborative approach to decision-making, setting aside personal opinions and group affiliations and acting in the best interests of the charity. Please describe how you would fulfil this obligation, using examples from previous committee or other work (maximum 200 words).

A successful work and efficient management require team collaboration. Cochrane Collaboration is the impressive example of such a success. To achieve the mission and goals, it is important to fully understand the mechanism, terms of references, SOP, and bylaws,

4. What do you think would make you an effective member of the Board (maximum 200 words)?

5. What do you believe are the most important strategic challenges for Cochrane from 2020 onwards (maximum 200 words)?

As an internationally recognised organisation, Cochrane faces many challenges. I think the most important ones are how to implement Cochrane evidence to make more impact on policy-making and changing clinicians' behaviour, how to sustain a balance development among different Cochrane entities in different settings. Furthermore, the organisation is still in a great need to produce more relevant, high quality evidence by an efficient way of coordination.

Questions 6-12: Specific Skills

To function optimally the Governing Board requires a range of experiences, knowledge and expertise amongst its membership. We cannot expect any single Governing Board member to have all the necessary skills and experience. We are looking for diversity.

We do not expect you to answer “yes” to more than one or two of these questions.

If you do answer “yes”, please provide at least one example which best demonstrates your experience or expertise. You may wish to include:

- A description of the situation and the context
- What you did
- What skills and knowledge you deployed
- The outcome and your personal contribution

6. Do you have experience of Knowledge Translation or science communication; and/or in widening access, participation, reach and impact of research?
Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).
Yes. I am working at academic institution (university) as expert in evidence-based medicine (EBM). In my routine teaching work, we teach a lot about the concept of EBM, and the methodology for clinical research and evidence synthesis. This can be considered as basis for future clinicians to practice and understand clinical guidelines. My team is heavily involved in many systematic reviews including Cochrane reviews and also involved in the development of clinical practice guidelines. Thus, we will help the guideline team to develop clinical questions, we make literature search strategies, critically appraise evidence, synthesize evidence, and finally to inform the expert panel to make recommendations for guidelines. In addition, when we identify knowledge gap, we will initiate clinical trials to fill the gap. Sometimes, we also use qualitative research to collect information which can help with implement the evidence through establishing the potential barriers and facilitators.
7. Do you have experience in evidence-informed policy making?
Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).
Yes. We were requested by the China Food and Drug Administration to review evidence on the safety for several on-market medicinal products so to help with them about policy making. These products we reviewed including antiviral drug ribavirin, Chinese herbal drug injection, oral patent medicine, and herbal products for external use.
8. Do you have legal experience?
Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).
No.
9. Do you have experience of advocating for evidence?
Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).
No.
10. Do you have knowledge or experience of the issues around Open Access to research output?
Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).
Yes, I am working with several open access journals as editor, associate editor, and editorial board member such as BMC Complementary Medicine and Therapy, European Journal of Integrative Medicine, Complementary Therapies in Medicine, Journal of Traditional Chinese Medical Sciences, World Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine. We had held three workshops on how to write scientific papers during the past five years. We had a contract project with Elsevier to develop taxonomy for EMBASE.
11. Is there anything else you would like to say in support of your nomination (maximum 200 words)?
Originated from and currently working in a low middle income country (China), and have close relationship with both government and societies, I realise how important to lobby and educate the politicians and meet their need to help them to make evidence-informed decision making. Since I also had more than five years oversea working experience in western countries within Cochrane entities

(such as Australia, Denmark, UK, Norway), I am quite confident that I can contribute if I am elected as a member of the board.

I received intention from two Cochrane entities to support my nomination, and they are Dr Susan Wieland from Cochrane Complementary Medicine Field and Mrs Dimitrinka Nikolova From Cochrane Hepato-Biliary Group.

Declarations:

To be eligible to stand for election, candidates must confirm the following by putting a ‘tick’ (✓) or their initials in the boxes below:

I hereby confirm that I:

1. Have accepted the Terms and Conditions of Cochrane Membership and have been a Cochrane Member for at least 30 days prior to the close of voting in this election	✓
2. Have read the following guidance produced by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations in the UK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a charity • What is a charity trustee • What trustees must do • How trustees look after the charity 	✓
3. Accept the Governing Board Charter	✓
4. Accept and will adhere to the Code of Conduct for Trustees	✓
5. Have completed the Cochrane ‘Declaration of Interest’ Statement (Annex 1 of this document)	✓
6. Have completed the ‘Trustee Eligibility Declaration’ required by the UK Charity Commission for all Trustees (Annex 2 of this document)	✓

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DATE: 21 July 2020

Annex 1: Coccrane Declaration of Interest Statement

Candidates must make a declaration of conflict of interest, including financial or non-financial relationships with other organizations, professional relationships to other members of the Board, and other Boards she/he may sit on. In writing this statement, candidates should refer to Cochrane’s [conflict of interest policy](#) (for Cochrane Groups) and the [declarations of existing members of the Board](#).

Please answer the following questions:

1. Financial interests In the last three years, have you:	Yes/No (If yes, please provide details)
a) Received funding: any grant, contract or gift, commissioned research, or fellowship from Cochrane or a related organization (i.e. any organization related to health care or medical research) to conduct research?	Yes. I received grants of two projects from China National Natural Science Foundation and of one project from the Ministry of Science and Technology of China.
b) Had paid consultancies: any paid work, consulting fees (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	No
c) Received honoraria: one-time payments (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	No
d) Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with a related organization?	No
e) Possessed share-holdings, stock, stock options, equity with a related organization (excludes mutual funds or similar arrangements where the individual has no control over the selection of the shares)?	No
f) Received personal gifts from a related organization?	No
g) Had an outstanding loan with a related organization?	No
h) Received royalty payments from a related organization?	No
2. Do you have any other competing interests that could pose a conflict of interest that would reasonably appear to be related to the primary interest?	No

Annex 2: Trustee Eligibility Declaration

As required by the [UK Charity Commission](#)

Please tick or initial in the boxes below to confirm the following:

I declare that I:

Am willing to act as a trustee of The Cochrane Collaboration	Yes
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Understand Cochrane's purposes (objects) and rules set out in its Articles of Association	Yes
Am not prevented from acting as a trustee because I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an unspent conviction for one or more of the offences listed here • Have an Individual Voluntary Arrangement, debt relief order and/or a bankruptcy order • Have been removed as a trustee in England, Scotland or Wales (by the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) • Have been removed from being in the management or control of any organization in Scotland (under relevant legislation) • Have been disqualified by the Charity Commission • Am a disqualified company director • Am a designated person for the purposes of anti-terrorism legislation • Am on the sex offenders register or equivalent in any country • Have been found in contempt of court for making (or causing to be made) a false statement • Have been found guilty of disobedience to an order or direction of the Charity Commission 	Yes
Will provide true, complete and correct information to the Charity Commission if elected as a Board member	Yes
Understand that it's an offence under section 60(1)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information	Yes
Comply with my responsibilities as a trustee that are set out in the Charity Commission guidance 'The essential trustee (CC3)'	Yes