Please note that the Co-Chair Candidate Statement of the new Co-Chair **will be published on the Cochrane Community website** and will remain on the website against the name of the Co-Chair for the duration of their term on the Board. For this reason, this document template must be used; and full addresses, email addresses and/or unencrypted e-signatures excluded. Photographs (including personal headshots) are also not permitted.

Please submit this Co-Chair Candidate Statement in Word format by the stated deadline. It should be shared beforehand with the three nominators writing your Letters of Support.

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| Family name (surname): |  |
| First name(s): |  |
| Today’s date: |  |

You may expand the boxes in providing your answers to the questions below:

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| 1. Please describe how you first became involved in Cochrane and your subsequent contribution to its work |
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| 1. Have you helped to prepare or bring into practice a Cochrane Review? If so, what was your involvement? |
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| 1. Please describe leadership roles that you have held within Cochrane and in other relevant contexts, with examples of successful leadership. |
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| 1. What experience do you have of committee work, both within Cochrane and nationally and internationally (particularly at the policy-setting level)? |
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| 1. What do you think would make you an effective Co-Chair of the Board? |
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| 1. Acting as Co-Chair of the Board requires a consultative approach to decision-making. Please illustrate how you would do this. |
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| 1. How do you see Cochrane and/or the Board developing or changing in the future (i.e. what is your ‘vision’), and why? |
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| 1. As Co-Chair, you would be expected to solve problems and resolve conflicts. How would you approach this aspect of the role? |
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| 1. In the role of Co-Chair, you would be expected to represent Cochrane in a variety of settings; have you any experience of this or similar representation? In this context, please illustrate your ability to communicate successfully with a range of audiences. |
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| 1. For individuals seeking re-election as Co-Chair: What do you think you have contributed to the work of the Board during your previous two-year term of office? |
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Declaration of Interest statement:

Candidates must make a declaration of conflict of interest, including financial or nonfinancial 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](http://community.cochrane.org/organizational-info/resources/policies/conflict-interest-policy-cochrane-groups) and the [declarations of existing members of the Board](http://community.cochrane.org/organizational-info/people/conflict-interest/board).

Please answer the following questions:

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| 1. **Financial interests**   **In the last three years, have you:** | **Yes/No (If yes, please provide details)** |
| a) Received research 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? |  |
| b) Had paid consultancies: any paid work, consulting fees (in cash or kind) from a related organization? |  |
| c) Received honoraria: one-time payments (in cash or kind) from a related organization? |  |
| d) Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with a related organization? |  |
| 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)? |  |
| f) Received personal gifts from a related organization? |  |
| g) Had an outstanding loan with a related organization? |  |
| h) Received royalty payments from a related organization? |  |
| 1. **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?** |  |

I hereby confirm that I wish to stand for election to the position of Co-Chair of the Cochrane Governing Board and that, if elected, I would be able and willing to commit the necessary time and attention to the role.

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| Name: |  |
| Signature: |  |
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