Personal statement – Application for Ordinary Committee Membership of the British Association for Lung Research

I am a Postdoctoral Research Assistant at the University of Dundee, within the Division of Respiratory Medicine and Gastroenterology. My research focuses on bronchiectasis, with particular interests in systemic and airway inflammation and the immunomodulatory effects of macrolide antibiotics. Through this research, I aim to better understand how neutrophilic inflammation is associated with disease severity and clinical outcomes, and how this may be influenced through treatment.

I am applying for the Ordinary Memberhsip within the BALR as I would like to be more actively involved in the wider research community and contribute to organisations that supports and promotes lung research. During my PhD, I was PhD representative, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I particularly valued being a part of a wider research community outside of my own research and having the opportunity to get involved in activities I may not otherwise have experienced, such as abstract scoring and representing the BALR at conferences. I would welcome the opportunity to continue this involvement by supporting funding initiatives, reviewing applications and assisting with the organisation of meetings and webinars.

I would bring my experience in respiratory research, enthusiasm for the field and commitment to collaborative working to the role. I would greatly value the opportunity to be part of the BALR team and contribute to its aims of developing and advancing lung research.