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ICMJE Form for Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

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Enter your full name and provide the manuscript title.

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This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party — that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation, or commercial sponsor, check "Yes." Then complete the provide the information requested.

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Section 2. The Work Under Consideration for Publication

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1. Grant

No Yes, money paid to you Yes, money paid to institution* Name of entity Comments †

2. Consulting fee or honorarium

No Yes, money paid to you Yes, money paid to institution* Name of entity Comments †

3. Support for travel to meetings for the study or other purposes

No Yes, money paid to you Yes, money paid to institution* Name of entity Comments †

4. Fees for participation in review activities such as data monitoring boards, statistical analysis, end-point committees, and the like

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7. Other

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3. Employment

X_No ___ Yes, money paid to you ___ Yes, money paid to institution* Name of entity___ Comments___

4. Expert testimony

X_No ___ Yes, money paid to you ___ Yes, money paid to institution* Name of entity___ Comments___

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___ No X_Yes, money paid to you ___ Yes, money paid to institution* Name of entity Wolters Kluwer___ Comments___

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13. Other (err on the side of full disclosure)

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