

ICMJE Form for Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

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1. Identifying information.

Enter your full name. If you are NOT the corresponding author please check the box "no" and a space to enter the name of the corresponding author in the space that appears. Provide the requested manuscript information. Double-check the manuscript number and enter it.

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1. Given Name (First Name)
Victor

2. Surname (Last Name)
Berardi

3. Effective Date (07-August-2008)
22-September-2015

4. Are you the corresponding author? Yes No
Corresponding Author's Name
Sam Telford

5. Manuscript Title
REF: "COMMENT ON KRAUSE", LETTER TO THE EDITORS

6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it)
L15-0472

Section 2. The Work Under Consideration for Publication

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Complete each row by checking "No" or providing the requested information. **If you have more than one relationship click the "Add" button to add a row. Excess rows can be removed by clicking the "X" button.**

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Type	No	Money Paid to You	Money to Your Institution*	Name of Entity	Comments**	
1. Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
2. Consulting fee or honorarium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
3. Support for travel to meetings for the study or other purposes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
4. Fees for participation in review activities such as data monitoring boards, statistical analysis, end point committees, and the like	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
5. Payment for writing or reviewing the manuscript	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
6. Provision of writing assistance, medicines, equipment, or administrative support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X

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						ADD
7. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD

* This means money that your institution received for your efforts on this study.

** Use this section to provide any needed explanation.

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Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work						
Type of Relationship (in alphabetical order)	No	Money Paid to You	Money to Your Institution*	Entity	Comments	
1. Board membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IMUGEN, Inc.		X
						ADD
2. Consultancy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
3. Employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IMUGEN, Inc.	President/CEO and Associate Director of Laboratory Science	X
						ADD
4. Expert testimony	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
5. Grants/grants pending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
6. Payment for lectures including service on speakers bureaus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
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7. Payment for manuscript preparation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
						ADD
8. Patents (planned, pending or issued)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
						ADD
9. Royalties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
						ADD
10. Payment for development of educational presentations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
						ADD
11. Stock/stock options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IMUGEN, Inc.		<input type="checkbox"/>
						ADD
12. Travel/accommodations/meeting expenses unrelated to activities listed**	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
						ADD
13. Other (err on the side of full disclosure)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
						ADD

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** For example, if you report a consultancy above there is no need to report travel related to that consultancy on this line.

Section 4. Other relationships

Are there other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work?

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1. Given Name (First Name)

Sam

2. Surname (Last Name)

Telford

3. Date

26-April-2015

4. Are you the corresponding author?

 Yes No

Corresponding Author's Name

Victor Berardi

5. Manuscript Title

Borrelia miyamotoi disease in the northeastern United States: a case series

6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it)

M15-0333

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Did you or your institution **at any time** receive payment or services from a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for any aspect of the submitted work (including but not limited to grants, data monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, statistical analysis, etc.)?

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Imugen, Inc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a senior scientific advisor to Imugen and my wife (Heidi Goethert) works for them part time. We are able to answer questions about the epidemiology of tick borne infections using Imugen's vast data. Neither of us will own stock, have any patent or IP rights, nor do we benefit materially from Imugen's business other than our normal consulting (<\$5000). Publishing (or not publishing) this ms will not change our relationship with Imugen in any way. Their data is very useful to the field of tick borne disease epidemiology.
Immunetics, Inc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a consultant with Immunetics on babesiosis diagnosis. There is little overlap with the research in our ms.
Meridian Bioscience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a consultant to Meridian on babesiosis diagnostics. There is no overlap with the research for the ms.
Fuller Laboratories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a consultant to Fuller Laboratories on tick borne disease diagnostics, mostly on babesiosis and rickettsiosis. There is no overlap with the research of the ms.

Section 4. Intellectual Property -- Patents & Copyrights

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Dr. Telford reports personal fees from Imugen, Inc, personal fees from Immunetics, Inc, personal fees from Meridian Bioscience, personal fees from Fuller Laboratories, outside the submitted work .

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1. Given Name (First Name) philip 2. Surname (Last Name) molloy 3. Date 18-September-2015

4. Are you the corresponding author? Yes No Corresponding Author's Name sam telford

5. Manuscript Title borrelia miyamotoi in the northeastern united states

6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it) _____

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imugen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	salariated part time medical director

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