

ICMJE Form for Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

1. Identifying information.

2. The work under consideration for publication.

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".

3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

5. Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report 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.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued

Issued: The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether earning royalties or not

Royalties: Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your patent

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Section 1. Identifying Information

1. Given Name (First Name)

Jacob

2. Surname (Last Name)

Crosby

3. Date

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4. Are you the corresponding author?

☒ Yes ☐ No

5. Manuscript Title

Comment on M18-2101

6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it)

L19-0381

Section 2. The Work Under Consideration for Publication

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.)?

Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Section 3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

Place a check in the appropriate boxes in the table to indicate whether you have financial relationships (regardless of amount of compensation) with entities as described in the instructions. Use one line for each entity; add as many lines as you need by clicking the "Add +" box. You should report relationships that were **present during the 36 months prior to publication**.

Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please fill out the appropriate information below.

Name of Entity	Grant?	Personal Fees?	Non-Financial Support?	Other?	Comments
Autism Media Channel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Directed by Dr. Andrew Wakefield
Children's Medical Safety Research Institute	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dedicated to researching safety issues with vaccines
Republican National Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	During the 2016 election, engaged in campaign field representation for Donald Trump and other GOP candidates because of Trump's campaign statements about vaccines. However, his HHS secretary is now flaunting this study I am criticizing as proof that the MMR vaccine is safe.

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AutismOne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A one-time fee I received about 18 months ago I did not think to mention in my comments; it was geographic information advice unrelated to vaccines. The organization is primarily known for its annual conferences, which I have not attended for three years. However, I was a conference presenter in 2014.

Section 4. Intellectual Property -- Patents & Copyrights

Do you have any patents, whether planned, pending or issued, broadly relevant to the work? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Section 5. Relationships not covered above

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?

- ☒ Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below):
- ☐ No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest

Since 2013, I have edited AutismInvestigated.com which is a site I also own but don't make money from. Posts on the site are a reflection of my own views on vaccine safety issues and the vaccine-autism link in particular. So while readers might perceive that to be a conflict, it is not one. Before that, I was a contributing editor to AgeofAutism.com founded by journalist Dan Olmsted (deceased). I received no compensation for any of my posts there either.

In 2013, I did my master's culminating experience project analyzing CDC's Vaccine Safety Datalink Project. Access to the VSD was facilitated by Dr. Mark Geier and David Geier, who have served as expert witnesses for vaccine injury claimants. The work compared febrile seizures after DTP and DTaP vaccines. I received university credits for that work, but no financial compensation.

At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statements. On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships.

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Section 6. Disclosure Statement

Based on the above disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box below.

Dr. Crosby reports personal fees from Autism Media Channel, personal fees from Children's Medical Safety Research Institute, personal fees from Republican National Committee, personal fees from AutismOne, outside the submitted work; and Since 2013, he has edited AutismInvestigated.com which is a site he also owns but doesn't make money from. Posts on the site are a reflection of his own views on vaccine safety issues and the vaccine-autism link in particular. So while readers might perceive that to be a conflict, it is not one. Before that, he was a contributing editor to AgeofAutism.com founded by journalist Dan Olmsted (deceased). He received no compensation for any of his posts there either. In 2013, he did his master's culminating experience project analyzing CDC's Vaccine Safety Datalink Project. Access to the VSD was facilitated by Dr. Mark Geier and David Geier, who have served as expert witnesses for vaccine injury claimants. The work compared febrile seizures after DTP and DTaP vaccines. He received university credits for that work, but no financial compensation.

Evaluation and Feedback

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