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1. Given Name (First Name)
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3. Date
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Name of Institution/Company	Grant?	Personal Fees?	Non-Financial Support?	Other?	Comments
Membership in GRADE Working Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Active member and contributor since 2001
Employee of the World Health Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WHO uses GRADE for most guidelines

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Dr. Norris reports other from Membership in GRADE Working Group, other from Employee of the World Health Organization, during the conduct of the study; and SL Norris is an active member of the Grade Working Group since 2001, and is currently an employee of the World Health Organization (WHO) which recommends using GRADE to develop most guidelines produced by the Organization. Within the last 5 years, she has received funding from the US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality which uses a modified GRADE approach for assessing the quality of a body of evidence.

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