

Declaration of interests form

Instructions: You should declare and describe any present or past affiliations or other involvement in any organisation or entity that might lead to a real or perceived conflict of interest. You should report relationships that were present during the last 36 months. You should declare potential conflicts even if you are confident that your judgement is not influenced. Further details can be found in Cochrane's policy on [conflict of interest and Cochrane Reviews](#).

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1. Financial interests

a) Received research funding: any grant, contract or gift, commissioned research, or fellowship from any organisation related to health care or medical research (for example Cochrane, a non-governmental organisation, a pharmaceutical or medical device company, a healthcare charity or a patient advocacy group) to conduct research?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide details:

I have received research funding. The Open Medicine Foundation, a 501(c) non-profit organisation, granted me a paid internship at Stanford University's Stanford Genome Technology Center, where I worked under Dr Ron Davis, who runs the Center. In addition, I applied for an R21 grant through the US NIH last month, although I will only know if I have received the funding in June. I'm sure we'll be working together past then, so I should declare it here.

b) Had paid consultancies: any paid work, consulting fees (in cash or kind) from an organisation related to health care or medical research?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide details:

I continue to do paid consulting work for the Stanford Genome Technology Center. I've done other paid consultancy for a handful of Silicon Valley biotech companies, mostly in genetics, including for Linda Avey, one of the co-founders of 23andme. I've also done grant review for CIHR (Canadian Institute for Health Research), which was paid labour, so probably it counts as contracting.

c) Received honoraria: one-time payments (in cash or kind such as travel expenses) from an organisation related to health care or medical research?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide details:

Yes, at various times I've been one-time reimbursed for trip expenses. #MEAction is a partner with the Collaborative Research Centers NIH grant with Columbia University, and they have reimbursed travel and meals for ~5 trips. The US CDC also paid for my trip and travel ~2 times for me to be present at collaborative meetings.

d) Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with an organisation related to health care or medical research?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide details:

I have and am serving as Director! I'm the Director of Scientific and Medical Outreach at #MEAction, a 501(c) healthcare advocacy non-profit. In May 2021, we launched Symptom Cluster Characterization in Complex Chronic Disease, a survey study for people with chronic complex diseases.

e) Possessed share-holdings, stock, stock options, equity with an organisation related to health care or medical research (excludes mutual funds or similar arrangements where the individual has no control over the selection of the shares)?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide details:

f) Received personal gifts from an organisation related to health care or medical research?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide details:

Yes, minimal gifts in the form of holiday gifts from my organization, such as org-themed swag: a pillowcase, a blanket, a bracelet... no gift with a value over \$15.

g) Had an outstanding loan with an organisation related to health care or medical research?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide details:

h) Received royalty payments from an organisation related to health care or medical research?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide details:

2. Non-financial interests

Do you have any other interests that would reasonably appear to be related to the primary interest? Such interests could include, but are not limited to, publicly declaring any strong opinions about this health area, unpaid membership of committees, advisory boards or patient advocacy groups in this health area, and being a named author of a study that might be included in this review.

No

Yes

If yes, please provide details:

I have written an article outlining the flaws in the current review. I help run #MEAction, a healthcare advocacy non-profit with its focus on ME/CFS; I have been a caregiver of a person with ME; ME runs in my family and I have lost someone close to me due, in part, to ME-related complications; and I myself have ME. Few researchers in ME stand outside of its effects: we only joined up because we have skin in the game.