Public declaration of interests and confidentiality undertaking of European Medicines Agency (EMA)

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Declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the only direct or indirect interests I have in pharmaceutical companies, medical device companies and research organisations are those listed below:

Pharmaceutical company interests

1.1 Employment

No interest declared

1.2 Consultancy or strategic advisory role

No interest declared

1.3 Financial interests

No interest declared

1.4 (Principal) investigator

No interest declared

1.5 Grant/funding to organisation/institution

No interest declared

1.6 Close family member interest

No interest declared

1.7 Committee for Advanced Therapies (CAT) member or alternate

Not a CAT member or alternate

Medical device company interests

2.1 Employment

No interest declared

2.2 Consultancy or strategic advisory role

No interest declared

2.3 Financial interests

No interest declared

2.4 (Principal) investigator

No interest declared

2.5 Grant/funding to organisation/institution

No interest declared

2.6 Close family member interest

No interest declared

Research organisation interests

3.1 Affiliation to a research organisation

No interest declared

3.2 Involvement in a unit that manufactures medicinal products or medical devices

No interest declared

3.3 Involvement in a unit that acts as a marketing authorisation applicant or holder for a medicinal product

No interest declared

3.4 Involvement in the conduct of research and development subject to an agreement with a company

No interest declared

3.5 Regulatory engagement on academic research

No interest declared

Any other information

No interest declared

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