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### Section 1. Identifying Information.

Given Name:  Surname:  Effective Date:

(or first)

(or last)

Effective Date:

Format example: 07-August-2008

Are you the corresponding author?  Yes  No

Corresponding author's name:

Manuscript Title:

Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it):

### Section 2. Information about the support of the work under consideration for publication.

Did you or your institution at any time receive payment or support in kind for any aspect of the submitted work (including but not limited to grants, data monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, statistical analysis, etc...)?

No

Yes, specify nature of compensation

### Section 3. Information about relevant financial relationships 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 any entities that have an interest related to the submitted work. Use one line for each entity; add as many lines as you need. Use the comments column to indicate any additional information that you think a reader or editor would want to know about the compensation. Report relationships that were present during the 36 months prior to submission. In addition please disclose relationships that fall outside the 36-month window that readers may want to know about and could reasonably criticize you for not disclosing (for example, long-term financial relationships that are now ended).

If you have more than one relationship, click "Add +" to add a row. Click "Del x" to delete an extra row.

| Type of Relationship (in alphabetical order) | No                                  | Money Paid to You        | Money to Your institution | Entity | Comments |       |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| Board membership                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  |        |          | Del x |
|  |                                     |                          |                           |        |          | Add + |
| Consultancy                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  |        |          | Del x |
|  |                                     |                          |                           |        |          | Add + |
| Employment                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  |        |          | Del x |
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|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Expert testimony   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                    |                      | Del × |
|  |                                     |                                     |                                 |                                    |                      | Add + |
| Gifts  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                    |                      | Del × |
|  |                                     |                                     |                                 |                                    |                      | Add + |
| Grants/grants pending  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>        | Deutsche<br>Forschungsgemeinschaft | DFG grant FOR923 TP3 | Del × |
|  |                                     |                                     |                                 |                                    |                      | Add + |
| Honoraria  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                    |                      | Del × |
|  |                                     |                                     |                                 |                                    |                      | Add + |
| Payment for manuscript<br>preparation  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                    |                      | Del × |
|  |                                     |                                     |                                 |                                    |                      | Add + |
| Patents (planned, pending or<br>issued)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                    |                      | Del × |
|  |                                     |                                     |                                 |                                    |                      | Add + |
| Royalties  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                    |                      | Del × |
|  |                                     |                                     |                                 |                                    |                      | Add + |
| Payment for development of<br>educational presentations<br>including service on speakers'<br>bureaus | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                    |                      | Del × |
|  |                                     |                                     |                                 |                                    |                      | Add + |
| Stock/stock options  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                    |                      | Del × |
|  |                                     |                                     |                                 |                                    |                      | Add + |
| Travel/accommodations<br>expenses covered or<br>reimbursed   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                    |                      | Del × |
|  |                                     |                                     |                                 |                                    |                      | Add + |
| Other (err on the side of full<br>disclosure)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                    |                      | Del × |
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### Section 4. Information about financial relationships involving your spouse or partner or your children (under 18 years of age).

Do your children or your spouse or partner have financial relationships with entities that have an interest in the content of the submitted work?

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

### Section 5. Information about relevant nonfinancial associations.

Do you have any relevant nonfinancial associations or interests (personal, professional, political, institutional, religious, or other) that a reasonable reader would want to know about in relation to the submitted work?

- No relevant nonfinancial relationships/conditions/circumstances to report.
- Yes, the following relevant nonfinancial relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below):

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