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Any full-time or part-time employment, management position, etc. with an entity that has an investment in, license or other commercial interest in the subject matter of the investigation.

2. consulting or expert activity

Any consulting or appraisal activity with a corporation that has an investment in the subject matter of the investigation, a license or other commercial interest in the subject matter of the investigation, or any payment for such activity within a 2-year time frame during the investigation.

3. possession of shares, stocks or funds

Any ownership of business shares, funds, or stock, exchange-traded or non-exchange-traded, by a corporation that has an investment in, license, or other commercial interest in the subject matter of the investigation.

4. patent, copyright, license to sell

Ownership interest in drugs or medical devices (e.g., patent, copyright, license to sell) that has a relationship to the subject matter of the investigation.

5. fees

Fees are payments for speeches, seminars or other appearances. Honoraria must be disclosed if they were paid by an entity that has an investment in, license to, or other commercial interest in the subject matter of the investigation.

6. funding of scientific investigations

Financial contributions (outside funding) for research projects or direct funding of facility staff from a health care business, commercially oriented contracting institute, or insurance company.

7. other financial relationships

Gifts, travel reimbursements, or other payments in excess of 100 Euros outside of research projects must be disclosed if they were paid by an entity that has an investment in the subject matter of the research, a license, or other commercial interest in the subject matter of the research.

8. intangible conflicts of interest

Personal relationship with an authorized representative of a health care business; membership in professional societies/professional associations relevant in connection with the subject matter of the report; political, academic, scientific, or personal interests that could give rise to potential conflicts.