

Statement of financial and non-financial interests of Cochrane Back Review Group Editorial Board

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The following summary of this information is published in the Cochrane Back Review Group's module in *The Cochrane Library* and posted on the Cochrane Back Review Group's website.

A. Financial interests

In the last five years, have you:

1. Received research funding: any grant, contract or gift, commissioned research, or fellowship to conduct research?
2. Had paid consultancies: any paid work, consulting fees (in cash or kind) for an organization related to the scope of the Back Review Group?
3. Received honoraria, personal gifts or royalty payments: one-time payments (in cash or kind) from an organization related to the scope of the Back Review Group?
4. Do you hold or have you applied for a patent on a treatment for back or neck pain?
5. Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with an organization related to the scope of the Back Review Group?
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7. Had an outstanding loan with an organization related to the scope of the Back Review Group?

B. Non-financial interests

Do you have any other competing interests that could potentially pose a conflict of interest that might reasonably appear to be related to the scope of the Back Review Group? (e.g. clinical practice, involvement in primary research in neck or back pain or related areas)

Co-ordinating Editors:

Andrea Furlan received research funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute's Alternative Funding Plan. She has had paid consultancies with the Ontario Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB). She states no other financial or non-financial interests.

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Gert Bronfort was a paid research consultant for the Nordic Institute of Denmark. He has received research funding from Northwestern Health Sciences University, where he is a Professor in the Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies. He states no other financial or non-financial interests.

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Terry Corbin has conducted paid consultancies with Kinetic Concepts Inc., HealthPartners, Signus Medical, Amedica Corporation and Acumen Health Care. He has received royalties from Quality Medical Publishing. Mr. Corbin holds two expired patents for prosthetic disc nucleus designs that are assigned to RayMedica; he does not have a right to royalties or have any on-going relationship with RayMedica. Mr. Corbin possesses stock options with Amedica Corporation for his membership in the scientific advisory board. Mr. Corbin has provided expert testimony for DePuy-Synthes, Signus Medical and Pabban Development. Mr. Corbin has received compensation for travel/accommodations from World Congress on SDM, Academy Health and North American Spine Society. He states no other financial or non-financial interests.

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