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### Contact information

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### Declaration of competing interests

#### All questions relate to the past 3 years (inclusive):

1. Have you accepted any of the following from an organization that has (or might have) a relationship with *CMAJ* now or in the future and that might gain or lose financially because of the relationship?

**a. Reimbursement for attending a symposium** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

**b. Speaker fees** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

**c. Fees for educational event** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

**d. Research funds** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

**e. Funds for a member of your staff** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

**f. Consulting fees** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

2. Do you hold stocks or shares in an organization that might benefit or lose from an existing relationship with *CMAJ*?  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

3. Do you have other competing financial interests?  Yes  No

*Details if yes:*

4. I have the following other competing interests (*details*):

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