

**APPENDIX A: CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

**DEFINITIONS**

**If there are multiple conflicts of interest (COI) that need to be disclosed to the REB, please use Appendix A to fill out one form per disclosure.**

COIs do not imply wrong-doing. A COI may exist even if no unethical or improper act results from the conflict. Researchers and research staff should identify and manage COI to maintain the public confidence and trust and to maintain the independence and integrity of the research process. If a COI cannot be avoided, procedures should be in place to manage and/or to mitigate the conflict. (N2 SOP 105B; Conflicts of Interest – Researcher)

It is the responsibility of the PI to determine if **any of the conflicts** listed below apply to **any persons** involved in the research study or any member of their immediate family. Please disclose all contracts and any COIs (actual, apparent, perceived, or potential) relating to this project. COIs interest may also arise with regard to the disclosure of personal health information.

[ ]  Not applicable. There are no COIs to disclose.

**NOTE:** This disclosure does not replace institutional guidelines and requirements for declaration and management of COIs

**Describe any Conflicts of Interest (Check all that apply)**

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| **Name of Individual:**  |
| [ ]  This individual engaged as an advisor, employee, officer, director, or consultant for the study sponsor.[ ]  This individual has direct or indirect financial interest in the drug, device or technology employed in this research study (including patents or stocks).[ ]  This individual is an inventor and/or owner of any intellectual property that is being used in this research. [ ]  This individual received any other non-peer reviewed research or non-research funding, including in-kind support, from the sponsors/funders/other third parties involved in this research study. [ ]  Holdings – This individual has holdings (shares, options, partnership interest, or any other beneficial interest) in any of the sponsors/funders/other third parties involved in this research study.[ ]  Roles – This individual has other relationships not already disclosed that may be perceived to impact on their ability to perform their duties and responsibilities on this research study (including community relationships, academic interests, or other financial interests).[ ]  The sponsor/funder/other third party involved in the research study is providing funding beyond reimbursement for the direct expenses of conducting this research study.Other, please specify:  |
| **Describe the potential/perceived/actual benefit to the individual:** [ ]  Financial [ ] Status [ ] Undue influence [ ]  Competing interestPlease specify the total compensation received:  |

**Describe the management plan for the COI:**

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**Declaration by the MGH Lead Principal Investigator**

[ ]  I confirm that all COIs have been declared to the Institution and MGH Research and Innovation Department.

[ ]  I confirm that any new conflicts that arise for any study team member during the conduct of the study will be declared to the MGH Research Ethics Board.