

About Filing a Potential Conflict of Interest Report

The Japanese Society of Child Neurology (JSCN) has recently established guidelines for managing conflicts of interest related to clinical research, as well as regulations for implementing the guidelines.

The Guidelines state: “When a member intends to present clinical research results at a scientific meeting, etc., the member must appropriately disclose his or her potential conflicts of interest regarding the research. The disclosure shall be carried out in accordance with the Implementation Regulations and in the prescribed format.”

Thus, an author wishing to present a paper in the Society’s English-language journal, *Brain & Development*, must disclose, in accordance with the Implementation Regulations, his or her potential conflicts of interest as regards companies and for-profit organizations related to the subject of the paper.

This must be done by submitting the Potential Conflict of Interest Report form stipulated in the rules for submitting papers. The submitted form will be printed at the end of the paper, just before the references. If there is no Report, the sentence, “The authors have no financial or personal relations that could pose a conflict of interest,” will be inserted in place of the Report.

The items that must be disclosed when submitting a Report are specified in Part IV of the Guidelines. As stated in the Implementation Regulations, No. 2 (Scope of Disclosure), those items apply only to companies and for-profit organizations related to the subject of the paper.

Moreover, they apply only to transactions that took place during the one year prior to submittal of the paper. If a submitted paper is revised, please revise the Report and include any additional transactions that occurred up to the day that the final version of the paper is submitted. The items requiring disclosure, and the amount of money that must be reported for each, are as follows.

- (1) Compensation for officers and advisors of corporations and for-profit organizations: If the annual compensation received from any corporation or for-profit organization equals or exceeds 1 million yen (or EUR/USD 10,000), it must be reported.
- (2) Stock holdings: If annual profit (total of dividends and profit on sale) from the stock of any corporation equals or exceeds 1 million yen (or EUR/USD 10,000), or if 5% or more of the stock is owned, it must be reported.
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- (6) Research funds from corporations and for-profit organizations: If the total amount paid in a year for a

single clinical research project equals or exceeds 2 million yen (or EUR/USD 20,000), it must be reported.
 Scholarships (grants): If the total amount that a representative researcher receives in a year equals or exceeds 2 million yen (or EUR/USD 20,000), it must be reported.

(7) Other compensation (including travel expenses, gifts, and other compensation not directly related to research): If the total amount received in a year from any corporation or for-profit organization equals or exceeds 50,000 yen (or EUR/USD 500), it must be reported.

Below is an example of a filled-out form.

Potential Conflict of Interest Report (Example)

Authors' names	COI	Currency	Leadership Position/ Advisory Role	Stock	Royalties	Lecture Fees	Manuscript Fees	Research Funds	Other
		JPY	≥1,000,000	≥1,000,000	≥1,000,000	≥500,000	≥500,000	≥2,000,000	≥50,000
		EUR/USD	≥10,000	≥10,000	≥10,000	≥5,000	≥5,000	≥20,000	≥500
Ichiro Yama	⊘/N							Tuki pharm. co.#	
Jiro Kawa	Y/N								
Saburo Ten	Y/N								
Shiro Chi	Y/N								
Goro Kaze	Y/N								
Rokuro	Y/N								
Hayashi									
Shitiro Aka	Y/N								
Hatiro Kuro	⊘/N			MR Co.* kin Pharm. Co.*					
Kuro Ao	Y/N								
Juro Shiro	⊘/N					Jupiter Ltd			
Ichiro	⊘/N		Hoshi Pharm. Co**						
Midori									

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 # = JPY10,000,000≤, EUR/USD 100,000≤

or

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The authors indicated no potential conflict of interest.

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The authors have the potential conflicts of interest described below. The lower limits of funds that should be reported are specified in JSCN's conflict of interest policy.

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Manuscript Title: _____

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		JPY	≧1,000,000	≧1,000,000	≧1,000,000	≧500,000	≧500,000	≧2,000,000	≧50,000
		EUR/USD	≧10,000	≧10,000	≧10,000	≧5,000	≧5,000	≧20,000	≧500
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Note 2: If "Y" is circled, enter the corporation's name and amount of money (see Note 3) for each relevant item.

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= JPY10,000,000≦, EUR/USD 100,000≦

Note 4: Please submit a Report with your paper even if all of the authors circle "N" in the COI column.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____