

Appendix 2: Full list of authors' declarations of interests

Pre-screening

All panel members were pre-screened for conflicts of interest prior to the guideline process that resulted in the *BMJ* Rapid Recommendations. The pre-screening was performed by the RapidRecs Executive team from the non-profit organisation MAGIC (www.magicproject.org) with support and approval from at least two unconflicted *BMJ* editors. No financial conflicts of interest were allowed (specifically, no financial ties to pharmaceutical companies with any stake in steroids or antibiotics) and intellectual and professional conflicts of interest were managed appropriately (see appendix 4: Methods for *BMJ* Rapid Recommendations). Panel members could not have a conflict for the past three years and do not anticipate a conflict arising in the foreseeable future, which we defined as at least one year.

We excluded one potential panel member who had expressed interest because they did not meet the *BMJ* Rapid Recommendation standards for conflicts of interest.

Disclosures

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