

Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals

Meeting of Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE)

CCV, Geneva, 5 to 7 November 2013

Declaration of interests

All 15 SAGE members participating in the meeting updated their declarations of interest ahead of the meeting. Other meeting participants do not take part in the decision-making and are thus not required to complete a declaration of interest.

Nine members reported relevant interests, which were assessed not to constitute a conflict of interest. It was concluded that all members could take part in full in all discussions. All the reported relevant interests are summarized below:

Jon Abramson

 His institution received a research grant in 2013 from MedImmune to conduct a post-marketing case-control study of the effectiveness of the quadrivalent live attenuated influenza vaccine. This interest was assessed as non-personal, specific and financially significant*.

Zulfiqar Bhutta

 His department received in March 2011 a research grant from Novartis Global Health Institute on a Phase II trial of typhoid Vi conjugate vaccination. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially significant*.

Juhani Eskola

- Receives consultancy fees for membership in Novartis Data Safety Monitoring Board for typhoid vaccines. This interest was assessed as personal, non-specific and financially insignificant*.
- Receives consultancy fees for membership in Novartis Data Safety Monitoring Board for meningococcal vaccines. This interest was assessed as personal, non-specific and financially insignificant*.
- His organization has a large joint research programme with GlaxoSmithKline on pneumococcal vaccines. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially significant*.
- Serves as the Chair of the Steering Committee for the Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative funded by the European Commission as well as Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This interest was assessed as personal, non-specific and financially significant*.

Peter Figueroa

 His unit received a research grant in 2011 from Merck to conduct a small clinical trial of an anti-retroviral drug on HIV for which he was the principal investigator. All the funds from this research grant went into expenses to cover the cost of the trial and he received no payment for his contribution. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially significant*.

Terence Nolan

- Received consultancy fees for participating in meetings and for data analysis and interpretation as member of Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) and Independent Data Monitoring Committee (IDMC) on Human Papilloma Virus vaccine from GSK. The consultancy was ceased by the 17th October 2012. This interest was assessed as personal, non-specific and financially significant*.
- In the time from 2008-2012 his institution received research support for vaccine trials implemented in Australia from a number of companies (including GSK, Wyeth, Novartis Vaccines, sanofi pasteur and CSL Ltd). These trials concern a number of vaccines (MenACWY, MenB, MenC, HibMenC Adult and peadiatric TIV, H1N1 and H5N1 vaccine and DTPa-Hib-hepB-IPV-MenC vaccine). This interest was assessed as non-personal, specific and financially significant*.
- His institution receives research support to conduct an influenza cellbased vaccine clinical trial from Novartis. This interest was assessed as non-personal, specific and financially significant*.
- Received consultancy fees in 2011 from GSK for providing expert opinion to European jurisdiction in respect of clinical trial data from studies conducted by himself in the early 1990s sponsored by CSL ltd. This interest was assessed as personal, non-specific and financially insignificant*.
- His institution receives research support to conduct a follow-up clinical trial on a birthdose of Pertussis Vaccination from GSK. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially significant*.
- His institution receives research support to conduct a Meningococcal ACWY vaccine clinical trial from GSK. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially significant*.
- Serves on Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) and receives payments from the Australian Government. This interest was assessed as personal, specific and financially significant*.

Kate O'Brien

- Her institution received consultancy fees from sanofi pasteur in 2010 and 2011 on pneumococcal vaccine. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially insignificant*.
- Her institution provided consultancy to Pfizer in 2011 on PCV13. This
 interest was assessed as personal, non-specific and financially
 insignificant*.
- Her institution provides consultancy to Merck on pneumococcal vaccine. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially insignificant*.
- Received consultancy fees from GSK in 2011on PCV10. This interest was assessed as personal, non-specific and financially insignificant*.
- Serves currently as member of DSMB on malaria RTSS vaccine funded by PATH-Malaria Vaccine Initiative. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially significant*.
- Serves currently as member of DSMB on maternal influenza vaccine funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). This interest was assessed as personal, specific and financially insignificant*.
- Her institution currently receives research grants from GSK, BMGF, National Institutes on Health (NIH), and GAVI regarding pneumococcal vaccine, PCV13, PCV and rotavirus vaccine. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially significant*.

- Her institution received a research grant from Pfizer until 31.Oct.2012 regarding PCV13. This interest was assessed as non-personal, nonspecific and financially significant*.
- Her institution received a research grant from MedImmune in 2011 regarding RSV-motavizumab. This interest was assessed as nonpersonal, non-specific and financially significant*.
- Her institution receives research grants from BMGF regarding pneumonia etiology, technical country support in regard to pneumococcal and rotavirus disease. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially significant*.
- Her institution received a research grant from BMGF regarding PCV serotype replacement until October 31, 2012. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially significant*.

Claire-Anne Siegrist

- Developed and owns the Viavac immunization management software destined to support Swiss health care professionals to follow the official immunization recommendations. Her ownership in the enterprise generates royalties of less than 5,000 USD per annum. This interest was assessed as personal, non-specific and financially insignificant*.
- Her institution receives a research grant from Sanofi Pasteur on the immunology of novel adjuvants. This interest was perceived as nonpersonal, non-specific and financially significant*.

Piyanit Tharmaphornpilas

Received in 2011 a travel grant from a joint venture of the Thai
Government Pharmaceutical Organization - Merieux Biological
Product to attend the Re-invigorating Immunisation Policy
Implementation and Success: From Parent to Partner and from Broad
to Engagement. This interest was assessed as personal, non-specific
and financially significant*.

Fred Were

- Served on advisory committee funded by GSK to assess severe side effects of malaria vaccine. This interest was assessed as personal, non-specific and financially insignificant*.
- Serves on the GSK monitoring committee for the malaria vaccine challenge trial. This interest was assessed as non-personal, nonspecific and financially insignificant*.
- Serves on the PATH advisory board for the whole cell pneumococcal vaccine. This interest was assessed as non-personal, non-specific and financially insignificant*.
- Receives funding for burden of disease or vaccine effectiveness trials on rotavirus or PCV vaccine. This interest was assessed as personal, non-specific and financially insignificant*.

^{*} According to WHO's Guidelines for Declaration of Interests (WHO expert), an interest is considered "personal" if it generates financial or non-financial gain to the expert, such as consulting income or a patent. "Specificity" states whether the declared interest is a subject matter of the meeting or work to be undertaken. An interest has "financial significance" if the honoraria, consultancy fee or other received funding, including those received by expert's organization, from any single vaccine manufacturer or other vaccine-related company exceeds 5,000 USD in a calendar year. Likewise, a shareholding in any one vaccine

manufacturer or other vaccine-related company in excess of 1,000 USD would also constitute a "significant shareholding".