Declaration of competing interests

Anil Batra
Chefredakteur / Editor-in-Chief

Competing interests: financial

1) Financial awards from an organization that represents an interest which may in any way gain or lose financially from the kinds of one’s research activities:

Tobacco and Alcohol: Anil Batra received grants for a) smoking cessation research activities from: Pfizer, German Federal Ministry of Health, and Germen Cancer Aid b) prevention of alcohol and tobacco consumption from German Federal Ministry of Health, Federal Centre for Health Education, German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology

Pharmaceuticals and gambling: none

2) Employment by an organization that may in any way gain or lose financially from the kinds of one’s research activities/Payment to serve as an expert witness on the subject of one’s research activities/Other competing financial interests: none

Competing interests: non-financial

Anil Batra has developed a smoking cessation program (Nichtraucher in 6 Wochen) and is the head of the outpatient clinic for smoking cessation (AKR Tübingen) and the head of the section of Addiction Medicine and Research in Tuebingen.

Anil Batra has specialized in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

He is involved in a non-profit initiative to enforce public funded tobacco cessation in Germany.

Memberships:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychiatrie, Psychotherapie und Nervenheilkunde (DGPPN)
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Suchtforschung und Suchttherapie (DG-Sucht)
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Suchtmedizin (DGS)
Wissenschaftliche Aktionskreis Tabakentwöhnung (WAT) e.V.

(2020-09-29)
Gerhard Bühringer  
Stv. Chefredakteur / Deputy Editor-in-Chief

Competing interests: financial

1) Financial awards from an organization that represents an interest which may in any way gain or lose financially from the kinds of one’s research activities:

Alcohol: Unrestricted grants for a multicenter international psychotherapy study for patients 60+ with alcohol use disorders by the Lundbeck Foundation and for developing treatment programs for pilots with mental disorders by 11 airlines.

Tobacco and pharmaceuticals: none

Gambling: Unrestricted grants for gambling research activities from: Bavarian State Ministry of Finance (regulatory authority for and operator of the State casino and lottery monopoly) via the Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Public Health; German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (regulatory authority for segments of the commercial gambling market); public and commercial gambling providers (members of the “Düsseldorfer Kreis”); German Federal Ministry of Health; Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG; German Research Foundation); European Commission (Alice-Rap).

The funding organizations had no influence on research designs, implementation, data analyses, interpretation, and publication of findings.

2) Employment by an organization that may in any way gain or lose financially from the kinds of one’s research activities /payment to serve as an expert witness on the subject of one’s research activities/Other competing financial interests: none

Competing interests: non-financial

Gerhard Bühringer is member of the “Düsseldorfer Kreis”, an interdisciplinary initiative of key stakeholders from public and private gambling providers, the research community, and the support system. The group aims for developing proposals for a German gambling regulation with a strict focus on effective and publicly controlled consumer protection (www.duesseldorfer-kreis.de). Further-on, from 2008-2019 he served as member and chairman of the Scientific Board of the European Monitoring System for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) which among others provides recommendations for the control of new drugs as well as for research priorities to the European Commission.

(2020-09-28)
Stephan Mühlig
Stv. Chefredakteur / Deputy Editor-in-Chief

Competing interests: financial

1) Financial awards from an organization that represents an interest which may in any way gain or lose financially from the kinds of one’s research activities:

Alcohol, gambling: none

Tobacco and pharmaceuticals: Stephan Mühlig received speakers’ fees including travel and accommodation costs from Pfizer Deutschland GmbH. He runs the Raucherambulanz Chemnitz (RAC) where smoking cessation courses with a strong foundation on behavioral therapy are offered; Research funding the by the German health insurance company AOK PLUS (ATEMM-Studie).

(Illicit) drugs: Stephan Mühlig received research grants from the Bundesverwaltungsamt (Federal Office of Administration; NpSG-Projekt) and Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Soziales und Verbraucherschutz (Saxon State Ministry of Social Affairs and Consumer Protection; Dritter Sächsischer Drogen- und Suchtbericht).

2) Employment by an organization that may in any way gain or lose financially from the kinds of one’s research activities/payment to serve as an expert witness on the subject of one’s research activities/Other competing financial interests: none

Competing interests: non-financial

Stephan Mühlig is a Psychological Psychotherapist with specialist knowledge in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Memberships: Stephan Mühlig is working as Cognitive Behavioral Therapist. He is head of the outpatient clinic for smoking cessation (RAC) and head of the outpatient clinic for psychotherapy of the Technical University (PHA-TUC) in Chemnitz. Mühlig organized the German Network of Smoking Cessation Clinics at Universities (NAKURA). He is member of Scientific Study Grout Tabacco Research (WAT) and involved on no-profit initiative to enforce public funded tobacco cessation in Germany.

(2020-09-29)
Astrid Müller  
Stv. Chefredakteurin / Deputy Editor-in-Chief

Competing interests: financial

1) Financial awards from an organization that represents an interest which may in any way gain or lose financially from the kinds of one’s research activities:

Substance use disorders: none

Behavioral addictions: grants from the German Research Foundation, Social Ministry of Lower Saxony, German Academic Exchange Service

Eating and weight-related disorders/obesity: grants from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Institute Danone Foundation, Else Kröner-Fresenius Foundation

2) Employment by an organization that may in any way gain or lose financially from the kinds of one’s research activities/payment to serve as an expert witness on the subject of one’s research activities/other competing financial interests: none

Competing interests: non-financial

Astrid Müller is board member of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Addictions (ISSBA), board member of the German Society of Behavioral Medicine and Behavioral Modification (DGVM), board member of the German Society for Eating Disorders (DGESS) and member for Germany (Management Committee Substitute) of the COST (Collaboration in Science and Technology) Action “European Network for Problematic Usage of the Internet”.

(2021-04-13)
Hans-Jürgen Rumpf  
Stv. Chefredakteur / Deputy Editor-in-Chief

Competing interests: financial

1) Financial awards from an organization that represents an interest which may in any way gain or lose financially from the kinds of one’s research activities:

Alcohol: Hans-Jürgen Rumpf received grants the German Federal Ministry of Health, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the German Research Foundation and the German Statutory Pension Insurance Scheme, the German Federal Centre for Health Education, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Family, Youth and Senior Citizens of the State of Schleswig-Holstein.

Tobacco: Hans-Jürgen Rumpf received grants from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and a grant on a multibehavioral intervention including tobacco in vocational students use from the German Federal Ministry of Health

Pharmaceuticals: Hans-Jürgen Rumpf received a grant on prescription drug dependence from the German Federal Ministry of Health

(Illicit) drugs: Hans-Jürgen Rumpf received a grant on a multibehavioral intervention including cannabis in vocational students use from the German Federal Ministry of Health

Gambling: Hans-Jürgen Rumpf received grants from the 16 Federal States of Germany and from the Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Family, Youth and Senior Citizens of the State of Schleswig-Holstein

Internet-related disorders: Hans-Jürgen Rumpf received grants from the German Federal Ministry of Health and the Innovations Fonds

2) Employment by an organization that may in any way gain or lose financially from the kinds of one’s research activities/payment to serve as an expert witness on the subject of one’s research activities/other competing financial interests:

Hans-Jürgen Rumpf has received remunerations for lecturing and for Motivational Interviewing training courses from addiction services, mental health treatment centers, health care and prevention institutions.

Competing interests: non-financial

Hans-Jürgen Rumpf is member of a World Health Organization Advisory Group on Behavioral Addictions and member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers.

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