

Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

Identifying information.

The work under consideration for publication.

This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party -- that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation or commercial sponsor, check "Yes".

3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued

Issued: The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether earning royalties or not

Royalties: Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your patent

Zieliński 1



| Section 1. Identify | ring Information | | |
|---|---|--|--------|
| Given Name (First Name) Marcin | 2. Surname (Last Name Zieliński | 3. Date 09-May-2018 | |
| 4. Are you the corresponding | author? Yes No | | |
| 5. Manuscript Title Video-assisted thoracic surg | gery thymectomy: subxiphoid appr | oach | |
| 6. Manuscript Identifying Nun MED-2017-MIT-08 | nber (if you know it) | | |
| | | | |
| Section 2. The Wor | k Under Consideration for Pub | olication | |
| | ork (including but not limited to grants | om a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, , data monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, | |
| Section 3. Poloses | | | |
| Relevan | t financial activities outside th | e submitted work. | |
| of compensation) with enti- | ties as described in the instructions. ou should report relationships that v | whether you have financial relationships (regardless of and the second line for each entity; add as many lines as you newere present during the 36 months prior to publication | eed by |
| | | | |
| Section 4. Intellect | ual Property Patents & Copy | rights | |
| Do you have any patents, w | hether planned, pending or issued, | , broadly relevant to the work? Yes V No | |

Zieliński 2



| Section 5. Relationships not covered above |
|--|
| Relationships not covered above |
| Are there other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work? |
| Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below): |
| ✓ No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest |
| At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statements On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships. |
| Section 6. Disclosure Statement |
| Based on the above disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box below. |
| Dr. Zieliński has nothing to disclose. |

Evaluation and Feedback

Please visit http://www.icmje.org/cgi-bin/feedback to provide feedback on your experience with completing this form.

Zieliński 3



Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

Identifying information.

2. The work under consideration for publication.

This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party -- that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation or commercial sponsor, check "Yes".

3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued

Issued: The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether earning royalties or not

Royalties: Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your patent

Gwozdz 1



| Section 1. Identifying In | formation | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Given Name (First Name) Pawel | 2. Surname (Last Name) Gwozdz | 3. Date 09-May-2018 |
| 4. Are you the corresponding author | ? Yes ✓ No | Corresponding Author's Name Marcin Zieliński |
| 5. Manuscript Title Video-assisted thoracic surgery th | ymectomy: subxiphoid approac | ch |
| 6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if MED-2017-MIT-08 | you know it) | |
| | | |
| Section 2. The Work Und | der Consideration for Public | cation |
| | luding but not limited to grants, da | a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for ta monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, |
| Section 3. Relevant final | ncial activities outside the s | submitted work. |
| Place a check in the appropriate boxes in the table to indicate whether you have financial relationships (regardless of amount of compensation) with entities as described in the instructions. Use one line for each entity; add as many lines as you need by clicking the "Add +" box. You should report relationships that were present during the 36 months prior to publication . Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? Yes Vo | | |
| Section 4. Intellectual Pr | operty Patents & Copyric | ghts |
| Do you have any patents, whether | r planned, pending or issued, br | oadly relevant to the work? Yes V No |

Gwozdz 2



| Section 5. Relationships not covered above | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Relationships not covered above | | | |
| Are there other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work? | | | |
| Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below): | | | |
| ✓ No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest | | | |
| At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statements On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships. | | | |
| Section 6. Disclosure Statement | | | |
| Based on the above disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box below. | | | |
| Dr. Gwozdz has nothing to disclose. | | | |

Evaluation and Feedback

Please visit http://www.icmje.org/cgi-bin/feedback to provide feedback on your experience with completing this form.

Gwozdz 3



Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

Identifying information.

2. The work under consideration for publication.

This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party -- that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation or commercial sponsor, check "Yes".

Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued **Issued:** The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether

earning royalties or not **Royalties:** Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your

patent

Solarczyk-Bombik 1



| Section 1. Identifying Inform | mation | |
|---|--|--|
| 1. Given Name (First Name) Katarzyna | Surname (Last Name) Solarczyk-Bombik | 3. Date 09-May-2018 |
| 4. Are you the corresponding author? | Yes 🗸 No | Corresponding Author's Name Marcin Zieliński |
| 5. Manuscript Title Video-assisted thoracic surgery thyme | ctomy: subxiphoid approac | :h |
| 6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you k MED-2017-MIT-08 | now it) | |
| | | |
| Section 2. The Work Under C | Consideration for Public | ation |
| | g but not limited to grants, da | a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for ta monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, |
| Section 3. Relevant financial | activities outside the s | ubmitted work. |
| Place a check in the appropriate boxes in the table to indicate whether you have financial relationships (regardless of amount of compensation) with entities as described in the instructions. Use one line for each entity; add as many lines as you need by clicking the "Add +" box. You should report relationships that were present during the 36 months prior to publication . Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? Yes Vo | | |
| Continue | | |
| Section 4. Intellectual Prope | rty Patents & Copyric | hts |
| Do you have any patents, whether plar | nned, pending or issued, br | oadly relevant to the work? Yes V No |

Solarczyk-Bombik 2



| Section 5. Polationships not sovered above |
|--|
| Relationships not covered above |
| Are there other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work? |
| Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below): |
| ✓ No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest |
| At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statements On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships. |
| Section 6. Disclosure Statement |
| Disclosure Statement |
| Based on the above disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box below. |
| Dr. Solarczyk-Bombik has nothing to disclose. |

Evaluation and Feedback

Please visit http://www.icmje.org/cgi-bin/feedback to provide feedback on your experience with completing this form.

Solarczyk-Bombik 3



Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

Identifying information.

The work under consideration for publication.

This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party -- that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation or commercial sponsor, check "Yes".

3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued **Issued:** The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether earning royalties or not

Royalties: Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your

Wilkojc 1



| Section 1. | Identifying Inform | nation | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Given Name (Fi Michal | rst Name) | 2. Surname (Last Name) Wilkojc | 3. Date 09-May-2018 |
| 4. Are you the cor | responding author? | Yes ✓ No | Corresponding Author's Name Marcin Zieliński |
| 5. Manuscript Title Video-assisted th | | tomy: subxiphoid approac | h |
| 6. Manuscript Ider MED-2017-MIT-0 | ntifying Number (if you kr 08 | now it) | |
| | | | - |
| Section 2. | The Work Under Co | onsideration for Public | ation |
| any aspect of the s statistical analysis, | ubmitted work (including | but not limited to grants, da | a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for ta monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, |
| Section 3. | Polovant financial | activities outside the s | ubmitted work |
| Place a check in the appropriate boxes in the table to indicate whether you have financial relationships (regardless of amount of compensation) with entities as described in the instructions. Use one line for each entity; add as many lines as you need by clicking the "Add +" box. You should report relationships that were present during the 36 months prior to publication . Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? Yes Vo | | | |
| Section 4. | Intellectual Proper | rty Patents & Copyrig | hts |
| Do you have any | | ., ., ., | oadly relevant to the work? ☐ Yes ✓ No |

Wilkojc 2



| Section 5. Relationships not covered above | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Relationships not covered above | | | |
| Are there other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work? | | | |
| Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below): | | | |
| ✓ No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest | | | |
| At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statements On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships. | | | |
| Section 6. Disclosure Statement | | | |
| Based on the above disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box below. | | | |
| Dr. Wilkojc has nothing to disclose. | | | |

Evaluation and Feedback

Please visit http://www.icmje.org/cgi-bin/feedback to provide feedback on your experience with completing this form.

Wilkojc 3



Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

Identifying information.

The work under consideration for publication.

This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party -- that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation or commercial sponsor, check "Yes".

3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued **Issued:** The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether earning royalties or not

Royalties: Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your

Czajkowski 1



| Section 1. | Identifying Inform | nation | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Given Name (Fi Wojciech | rst Name) | 2. Surname (Last Name) Czajkowski | 3. Date 09-May-2018 |
| 4. Are you the cor | responding author? | Yes ✓ No | Corresponding Author's Name Marcin Zieliński |
| 5. Manuscript Title Video-assisted th | | tomy: subxiphoid approac | :h |
| 6. Manuscript Ider MED-2017-MIT-0 | ntifying Number (if you kr 18 | now it) | |
| | | | - |
| Section 2. | The Work Under C | onsideration for Public | ation |
| any aspect of the s statistical analysis, | ubmitted work (including | g but not limited to grants, da | a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for ta monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, |
| Section 3. | Relevant financial | activities outside the s | ubmitted work. |
| Place a check in the appropriate boxes in the table to indicate whether you have financial relationships (regardless of amount of compensation) with entities as described in the instructions. Use one line for each entity; add as many lines as you need by clicking the "Add +" box. You should report relationships that were present during the 36 months prior to publication . Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? Yes Vo | | | |
| Section 4. | Intellectual Prope | rty Patents & Copyric | yhts |
| Do you have any | patents, whether plan | ned, pending or issued, br | oadly relevant to the work? Yes V No |

Czajkowski 2



| Section 5. Relationships not covered above |
|--|
| Relationships not covered above |
| Are there other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work? |
| Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below): |
| ✓ No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest |
| At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statements On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships. |
| Section 6. Disclosure Statement |
| Based on the above disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box below. |
| Dr. Czajkowski has nothing to disclose. |

Evaluation and Feedback

Please visit http://www.icmje.org/cgi-bin/feedback to provide feedback on your experience with completing this form.

Czajkowski 3



Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

Identifying information.

2. The work under consideration for publication.

This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party -- that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation or commercial sponsor, check "Yes".

3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued **Issued:** The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether earning royalties or not

Royalties: Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your

Kosinski 1



| Section 1. | Identifying Inform | nation | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Given Name (Fir Sylweriusz | st Name) | 2. Surname (Last Name) Kosinski | 3. Date 09-May-2018 |
| 4. Are you the corr | esponding author? | Yes ✓ No | Corresponding Author's Name Marcin Zieliński |
| 5. Manuscript Title Video-assisted th | | tomy: subxiphoid approac | ch |
| 6. Manuscript Iden MED-2017-MIT-0 | ntifying Number (if you kr 8 | now it) | |
| | | | |
| Section 2. | The Work Under Co | onsideration for Public | ation |
| any aspect of the su statistical analysis, o | ubmitted work (including | but not limited to grants, da | a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for ta monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, |
| Section 3. | Relevant financial | activities outside the s | submitted work. |
| Place a check in the appropriate boxes in the table to indicate whether you have financial relationships (regardless of amount of compensation) with entities as described in the instructions. Use one line for each entity; add as many lines as you need by clicking the "Add +" box. You should report relationships that were present during the 36 months prior to publication . Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? Yes Vo | | | |
| Section 4. | Intellectual Proper | ty Patents & Copyric | ghts |
| Do you have any | patents, whether plan | ned, pending or issued, br | oadly relevant to the work? ☐ Yes 🗸 No |

Kosinski 2



| Section 5. | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| | Relationships not covered above | | | |
| | elationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of encing, what you wrote in the submitted work? | | | |
| Yes, the follo | wing relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below): | | | |
| ✓ No other rela | ✓ No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest | | | |
| At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statements On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships. | | | | |
| Section 6. | Disclosure Statement | | | |
| Based on the abo below. | ove disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box | | | |
| Dr. Kosinski has | nothing to disclose. | | | |

Evaluation and Feedback

Please visit http://www.icmje.org/cgi-bin/feedback to provide feedback on your experience with completing this form.

Kosinski 3



Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

Identifying information.

2. The work under consideration for publication.

This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party -- that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation or commercial sponsor, check "Yes".

3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued **Issued:** The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether

earning royalties or not **Royalties:** Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your

patent

Fryzlewicz 1



| Section 1. | Identifying Inform | nation | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Given Name (Fi Edward | rst Name) | 2. Surname (Last Name) Fryzlewicz | 3. Date 09-May-2018 | | |
| 4. Are you the corresponding author? | | Yes ✓ No | Corresponding Author's Name Marcin Zieliński | | |
| 5. Manuscript Title Video-assisted th | | tomy: subxiphoid approac | :h | | |
| 6. Manuscript Ider MED-2017-MIT-0 | ntifying Number (if you kr 18 | now it) | | | |
| | | | - | | |
| Section 2. | The Work Under Co | onsideration for Public | ation | | |
| Did you or your institution at any time receive payment or services from a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for any aspect of the submitted work (including but not limited to grants, data monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, statistical analysis, etc.)? Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? Yes No | | | | | |
| Section 3. | Relevant financial | activities outside the s | ubmitted work. | | |
| of compensation clicking the "Add |) with entities as descri | ibed in the instructions. Us port relationships that wer | ether you have financial relationships (regardless of amount se one line for each entity; add as many lines as you need by se present during the 36 months prior to publication. | | |
| Section 4. | Intellectual Proper | rty Patents & Copyric | yhts | | |
| Do you have any | patents, whether plan | ned, pending or issued, br | oadly relevant to the work? Yes V No | | |

Fryzlewicz 2



| Section 5. Relationships not severed above |
|--|
| Relationships not covered above |
| Are there other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work? |
| Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below): |
| ✓ No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest |
| At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statements On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships. |
| Section 6. Disclosure Statement |
| Based on the above disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box below. |
| Dr. Fryzlewicz has nothing to disclose. |

Evaluation and Feedback

Please visit http://www.icmje.org/cgi-bin/feedback to provide feedback on your experience with completing this form.

Fryzlewicz 3



Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

Identifying information.

2. The work under consideration for publication.

This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party -- that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation or commercial sponsor, check "Yes".

3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued

Issued: The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether earning royalties or not

Royalties: Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your patent

Nabialek 1



| Section 1. Iden | tifying Information | | | |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| Given Name (First Nam Tomasz | e) 2. Su Nabia | rname (Last Name) alek | | 3. Date 09-May-2018 |
| 4. Are you the corresponding author? | | es 🗸 No | Corresponding Author's Na Marcin Zieliński | me |
| 5. Manuscript Title Video-assisted thoracic | surgery thymectomy: s | subxiphoid appro | pach | |
| 6. Manuscript Identifying MED-2017-MIT-08 | Number (if you know it) | | | |
| | | | | |
| Section 2. The \ | Work Under Conside | eration for Pub | lication | |
| Did you or your institution at any time receive payment or services from a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for any aspect of the submitted work (including but not limited to grants, data monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, statistical analysis, etc.)? Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? Yes Yes No | | | | |
| Section 3. Roles | vant financial activit | ties outside the | a submitted work | |
| Place a check in the app of compensation) with | propriate boxes in the to entities as described in x. You should report rel | able to indicate v the instructions. | whether you have financial rel Use one line for each entity; a vere present during the 36 n | lationships (regardless of amount add as many lines as you need by nonths prior to publication. |
| Carina | | | | |
| Section 4. Intel | lectual Property P | atents & Copy | rights | |
| Do you have any patent | ts, whether planned, pe | ending or issued, | broadly relevant to the work | ? ☐ Yes ✓ No |

Nabialek 2



| Section 5. | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Relationships not covered above | | | | |
| Are there other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work? | | | | | |
| Yes, the follo | Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below): | | | | |
| ✓ No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest | | | | | |
| At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statement On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships. | | | | | |
| Section 6. | Disclosure Statement | | | | |
| Based on the abo | ove disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box | | | | |
| Dr. Nabialek has | nothing to disclose. | | | | |

Evaluation and Feedback

Please visit http://www.icmje.org/cgi-bin/feedback to provide feedback on your experience with completing this form.

Nabialek 3



Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

Identifying information.

2. The work under consideration for publication.

This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party -- that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation or commercial sponsor, check "Yes".

3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work.

Definitions.

Szolkowska

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued **Issued:** The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether earning royalties or not

Royalties: Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your

1

administrative support, etc.



| Section 1. | Identifying Inform | nation | | | |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Given Name (Fi Malgorzata | rst Name) | 2. Surname (Last Name) Szolkowska | 3. Date 09-May-2018 | | |
| 4. Are you the cor | responding author? | Yes ✓ No | Corresponding Author's Name Marcin Zieliński | | |
| 5. Manuscript Title Video-assisted th | | tomy: subxiphoid approac | :h | | |
| 6. Manuscript Ider MED-2017-MIT-0 | ntifying Number (if you kr 08 | now it) | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Section 2. | Section 2. The Work Under Consideration for Publication | | | | |
| Did you or your institution at any time receive payment or services from a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for any aspect of the submitted work (including but not limited to grants, data monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, statistical analysis, etc.)? Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? Yes Vo | | | | | |
| Section 3. | Polovant financial | activities outside the s | uhmitted work | | |
| of compensation clicking the "Add | the appropriate boxes i) with entities as descri | n the table to indicate who bed in the instructions. Us port relationships that wer | ether you have financial relationships (regardless of amount se one line for each entity; add as many lines as you need by se present during the 36 months prior to publication. | | |
| Section 4. | | | | | |
| Section II | Intellectual Proper | ty Patents & Copyri <u>c</u> | ints ———————————————————————————————————— | | |
| Do you have any | patents, whether plan | ned, pending or issued, br | oadly relevant to the work? Yes V No | | |

Szolkowska 2



| Section 5. Relationships not covered above | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Are there other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work? | | | |
| Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below): No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest | | | |
| At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statement On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships. | | | |
| Section 6. Disclosure Statement | | | |
| Based on the above disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box below. | | | |
| Dr. Szolkowska has nothing to disclose. | | | |

Evaluation and Feedback

Please visit http://www.icmje.org/cgi-bin/feedback to provide feedback on your experience with completing this form.

Szolkowska 3



Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

Identifying information.

The work under consideration for publication.

This section asks for information about the work that you have submitted for publication. The time frame for this reporting is that of the work itself, from the initial conception and planning to the present. The requested information is about resources that you received, either directly or indirectly (via your institution), to enable you to complete the work. Checking "No" means that you did the work without receiving any financial support from any third party -- that is, the work was supported by funds from the same institution that pays your salary and that institution did not receive third-party funds with which to pay you. If you or your institution received funds from a third party to support the work, such as a government granting agency, charitable foundation or commercial sponsor, check "Yes".

3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.

This section asks about your financial relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena that could be perceived to influence, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work. You should disclose interactions with ANY entity that could be considered broadly relevant to the work. For example, if your article is about testing an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist in lung cancer, you should report all associations with entities pursuing diagnostic or therapeutic strategies in cancer in general, not just in the area of EGFR or lung cancer.

Report all sources of revenue paid (or promised to be paid) directly to you or your institution on your behalf over the 36 months prior to submission of the work. This should include all monies from sources with relevance to the submitted work, not just monies from the entity that sponsored the research. Please note that your interactions with the work's sponsor that are outside the submitted work should also be listed here. If there is any question, it is usually better to disclose a relationship than not to do so.

For grants you have received for work outside the submitted work, you should disclose support ONLY from entities that could be perceived to be affected financially by the published work, such as drug companies, or foundations supported by entities that could be perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome. Public funding sources, such as government agencies, charitable foundations or academic institutions, need not be disclosed. For example, if a government agency sponsored a study in which you have been involved and drugs were provided by a pharmaceutical company, you need only list the pharmaceutical company.

4. Intellectual Property.

This section asks about patents and copyrights, whether pending, issued, licensed and/or receiving royalties.

Relationships not covered above.

Use this section to report other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.

Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization

Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations

Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes

Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued

Issued: The patent has been issued by the agency

Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether earning royalties or not

Royalties: Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your patent

Pankowski 1



| Section 1. | Identifying Inform | nation | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Given Name (Fii Juliusz | rst Name) | 2. Surname (Last Name) Pankowski | 3. Date 09-May-2018 | | |
| 4. Are you the corresponding author? | | Yes ✓ No | Corresponding Author's Name Marcin Zieliński | | |
| 5. Manuscript Title Video-assisted th | | tomy: subxiphoid approa | ch | | |
| • | 6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it) MED-2017-MIT-08 | | | | |
| | ı | | | | |
| Section 2. | The Work Under Co | onsideration for Publi | cation | | |
| Did you or your institution at any time receive payment or services from a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for any aspect of the submitted work (including but not limited to grants, data monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, statistical analysis, etc.)? Are there any relevant conflicts of interest? Yes No | | | | | |
| Section 3. | Relevant financial | activities outside the s | submitted work. | | |
| of compensation clicking the "Add |) with entities as descri | bed in the instructions. Use port relationships that we | ether you have financial relationships (regardless of amount se one line for each entity; add as many lines as you need by re present during the 36 months prior to publication. | | |
| Section 4. | Intellectual Proper | rty Patents & Copyri | ghts | | |
| Do you have any | patents, whether plan | ned, pending or issued, br | roadly relevant to the work? Yes V No | | |

Pankowski 2



| Section 5. Relationships not covered above | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Are there other relationships or activities that readers could perceive to have influenced, or that give the appearance of potentially influencing, what you wrote in the submitted work? | | | |
| Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below): No other relationships/conditions/circumstances that present a potential conflict of interest | | | |
| At the time of manuscript acceptance, journals will ask authors to confirm and, if necessary, update their disclosure statements. On occasion, journals may ask authors to disclose further information about reported relationships. | | | |
| Section 6. Disclosure Statement | | | |
| Based on the above disclosures, this form will automatically generate a disclosure statement, which will appear in the box below. | | | |
| Dr. Pankowski has nothing to disclose. | | | |

Evaluation and Feedback

Please visit http://www.icmje.org/cgi-bin/feedback to provide feedback on your experience with completing this form.

Pankowski 3