

Editorial

Editors' conflicts of interest 2011

In previous editorials^(1,2), I have stated my desire to increase the transparency of the *British Journal of Nutrition* in order to foster an environment of openness, honesty and integrity and to follow the guidelines of the Committee on Publication Ethics^(3,4) and of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors⁽⁵⁾. Thus, during 2008, I introduced a requirement for 'conflict of interest' statements from authors and for more complete descriptions of the contribution of each author to the publication⁽¹⁾, while in 2010, the *British Journal of Nutrition* published for the first time conflict of interest statements for myself and the Deputy Editors of this journal⁽²⁾. This was a direct response to the guidance from the Committee on Publication Ethics that journals should 'publish lists of relevant interests (financial, academic and other kinds) of all editorial staff and members of editorial boards (which should be updated at least annually)'⁽⁴⁾. I now provide updated conflict of interest statements.

Philip Calder, Editor-in-Chief, is employed by the University of Southampton. He serves on the Danone Scientific Advisory Board on Baby Nutrition, the Actimel Scientific Advisory Board and the Scientific Advisory Board of Syral. He served on the Global Advisory Board for Baxter Healthcare that met in 2008. He acts as a consultant to the Danone Research Centre for Specialised Nutrition, Christian Hansen and Beneo-Orafti, and in the past 5 years, he has acted as a consultant to Mead Johnson Nutritionals, Vifor Pharma, Equazen and Amarin Corporation. He has received speaking honoraria from Solvay Healthcare, Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Pronova Biocare, Fresenius Kabi, B. Braun, Abbott Nutrition, Baxter Healthcare and Nestlé. He currently receives research funding from the Food Standards Agency, the European Commission, National Institute of Health Research, Vifor Pharma, Abbott Nutrition and Beghin-Meiji; in the recent past, he has received research funding from the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, the Medical Research Council, Heart UK, Pronova Biocare, Unilever Corporate Research and Beneo-Orafti. He is elected President of the International Society for the Study of Fatty Acids and Lipids, an organisation that is partly supported by corporate membership fees, mainly the food and supplements industries. He is currently, or has recently been, a member of expert groups of ILSI Europe, chairing three of these; ILSI Europe is funded in part by the European food industry.

France Bellisle, Deputy Editor, is Associate Professor at Laval University, Quebec. She serves on scientific advisory committees for McDonalds, Coca-Cola and the EUFIC. She has

acted as consultant to Knorr. She has been a member of the Communication Committee of the Institut Français pour la Nutrition, an organisation that is partly supported by corporate membership fees. She participates in the Research Awards Committee of the Institut Benjamin Delessert (France).

David Jacobs, Deputy Editor, is employed by the University of Minnesota and is a regular Guest Professor at the University of Oslo. He is an unpaid consultant to the California Walnut Commission (Scientific Advisory Board). He is a paid statistical reviewer for the journal *Circulation*. He is a consultant in the life settlement industry, a branch of the life insurance industry. He is funded by grants and contracts from the National Institutes of Health and the US Environmental Protection Agency.

John Wallace, Deputy Editor, is employed by the Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health, University of Aberdeen. He is a consultant for Enterprise Ireland. He sat on the review board of INRA Jouy-en-Josas, was a recent member of the University College Dublin steering committee on methane emissions and is on the advisory board of the International Foundation for Science. His research is funded by the European Commission, the Scottish Government Rural and Environment Research and Analysis Directorate, the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Wellcome Trust and the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and he has research collaborations with DSM, Alltech, Agolin, Lesaffre, Harbro and Novozymes.

Susan Whiting, Deputy Editor, is an employee of University of Saskatchewan. She is a member of the International Institute for Nutrition and Bone Health, an educational initiative sponsored by Yoplait. She is an unpaid consultant to Osteoporosis Canada. She has presented talks with sponsorship from Dairy Farmers of Canada, the International Alliance of Dietary/Food Supplement Associations, Amway International, Glaxo Smith Kline and the Vitamin D Society. She is funded by, or has recently received funding from, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research, Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, Centrum Foundation and Dairy Farmers of Canada.

Stuart Wood, Deputy Editor, is currently a honorary lecturer and was until recently an employee of the University of Liverpool. He is also an unpaid consultant to the Association for the Study of Obesity, UK. He has received funding from the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council and the RLBUH NHS Trust R&D (Liverpool).

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