

COMPETING INTERESTS FORM

(TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH AUTHOR)

In the interests of transparency to help readers detect potential bias and to protect authors we require all named authors submitting manuscripts to declare competing interests in relation to papers accepted for publication. Competing interests are defined as those potential influences that may undermine the objectivity, integrity or perceived conflict of interest of a publication. Interactions that occur within 5 years before submission date of an article are pertinent.

Author Competing Interests:

Financial (We do not require authors to state the monetary value of their financial interests.)

Funding Sources: Financial support for research (salaries, equipment, supplies, travel reimbursement), speaker/organizer honoraria.

Employment: Employment while engaged in this research, present or anticipated employment by any organization that may gain or lose financially through publication of this paper.

Personal Financial Interests: Stocks or shares in or ownership of companies affected by publication of this research, consulting fees/remuneration, royalties, from organizations which may profit or lose as a result of publication, patents or patent applications whose value and integrity may be affected due to publication.

Institutional Competing Interests

Are you aware that your academic institution or employment has a financial interest in or a financial conflict with the subject matter or materials discussed in this manuscript? **Yes/No**

DECLARATION OF COMPETING INTERESTS
(TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH AUTHOR)

Title of Manuscript: _____

Corresponding Author: _____

Please check one:

- None declared under financial, general, and institutional competing interests
- I wish to disclose a competing interest(s) such as those defined above or others that may be perceived to influence the results and discussion reported in this paper.

Please describe potential conflicts of interest below and provide additional detail in cover letter if necessary.

Attestation of Investigator Independence/Accountability

I had full access to all study data, take fully responsibility for the accuracy of the data analysis, and have authority over manuscript preparation and decisions to submit the manuscript for publication.

- Yes
- No, please describe below and provide additional detail in cover letter if necessary

Author Signature: _____

Name (please type or print) _____

Date: _____

Contact Information:

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please email PDF to: nutrtn1@upstate.edu