



European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC) Annual Declaration of Interests¹ (DoI) form (version n°2)

Please answer each of the questions below.

(Please insert rows as needed for subsequent or parallel activities of the same nature)

The questions refer to the last five years of activity (January 2017- December 2021).

If the answer to any of the questions is "Yes", please complete the corresponding fields, describing relevant interests and circumstances, as appropriate.

If it is not clear under which category of the form to declare an interest, you can declare it under "Other activities".

If you do not disclose relevant activities of interest for the ECIBC, your role as a working group member may be revised.

If you do not submit a filled-in and signed DoI form, you cannot be involved in the ECIBC activities.

¹According to European Commission's Decision C(2016) 3301 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups, Articles 2(4) and 11 each member of an expert group has to complete a DoI form
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Definitions and/or explanations:

"Conflict of interest" represents a set of conditions in which professional judgment concerning a primary interest such as the health and well-being of a patient or the validity of research is improperly influenced by a secondary interest.

"Immediate family member" includes the individual's spouse, children and parents, irrespective whether they live at the same address or not.

"Spouse" includes a partner with whom the individual has a registered marital or non-marital regime.

"Children" refers to the child(ren) the individual and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the individual and the own child(ren) of the spouse.

In the corresponding section of the DoI form, please declare (if any) current direct interests related to the topic of breast cancer, i.e. employment, consultancy, strategic advisory role, financial interests, of your immediate family members.

"Legal entity" is any commercial business, industry association, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.

"Body" implies a governmental, international or non-profit organisation.

"Meeting" includes a series or cycle of meetings.

"BC" refers to breast cancer.

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Activities in the last five years (January 2017- December 2021)	Yes/No	Period (From – To)	Information	Details
<p>1. Did you have ownership or financial investments, including stocks or shares in a legal entity with relevance to the topics of the ECIBC which either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a value of more than 10.000 EUR, • entitle you to a voting right of 5% or more? <p>or</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>01/2017 – 12/2021</p>	<p>Please provide information about the entities in which the financial interest is placed (Name, Country, Public/Private).</p>	<p>[Please describe the entity and your role.]</p>
<p>2. Did you have a remunerated or non-remunerated position (including consultancy) in a legal entity with relevance to the topics of the ECIBC?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>01/2017 – 12/2021</p>	<p>Please specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, Place of the entity; • Type of the entity: public, private, etc.; • The received amounts for remunerated activities. 	<p>[Please describe your role.]</p>
<p>3. Did you have a membership in national or international:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organisations • committees, working groups • collaborative platforms • managing bodies • scientific advisory bodies <p>(e.g. Commission expert groups, EU agencies or international organisations) with interest related to topics of the ECIBC?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>01/2017 – 12/2021</p>	<p>Please specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, Place; • Type: public, private, etc. (list all if more than one). <p>1. ESIM = European Society for Integrative Medicine, Berlin (Germany) Private</p> <p>2. ARTOI = Association for Research Therapies Integrative Oncology, Rome (Italy) Private</p>	<p>[Please describe your role and the activities you were involved in specifying if you have participated in a decision-making process.]</p> <p>Collaboration in the organization of Congress of Integrative Medicine, next one the 2nd World Congress of Integrative Medicine and Health.</p>

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4. Have you been an investigator in research studies with relevance to the topics of the ECIBC?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	01/2018 – 12/2021	<p>I am the principal investigator of the research project funded by Tuscany Region.</p> <p>Please mention the title of each study.</p> <p>Assessment and treatment of cognitive effects of anticancer therapy in patients with breast cancer treated with rehabilitation exercises, diet and add-on complementary medicine - CHEMOCIM.</p>	<p>I am the Scientific Co-ordinator of the Project.</p> <p>Aim: This study will evaluate the efficacy of complementary integrative medicine (CIM), acupuncture and homeopathy, compared to standard care in relieving CRCI.</p> <p>Material and methods</p> <p>Inclusion criteria: female aged 18 to 70 years, with a primary diagnosis of early BC (stage I-III A) treated with adjuvant common, standard dose chemotherapy regimens and/or endocrine therapy; written informed consent; educational level sufficient to understand the content of neurocognitive tests.</p> <p>Treatment: Acupuncture: basic acupuncture formulas Baihui (GB20), ExYintangI, Taixi (KI3). Based on symptoms and tongue manifestation of each patient, other acupoints could also be stimulated. Sessions will be scheduled once a week for 4 weeks followed by one month of auriculotherapy, at the end other 4 weekly sessions of acupuncture. Homeopathy: <i>Phosphorus</i> 30 CH and <i>BDNF 4CH</i>. All the patients will receive dietary advices to reduce body inflammatory state and at the end of chemotherapy undergo a neuropsychological visit performed by a psychologist properly trained for cognitive function assessment (baseline). During the study, blood samples for plasma/serum analysis of BDNF (brain-derived neurotrophic factor), IL-6 and TNF (at baseline and 12 months) will be also collected.</p> <p>Then patients will be randomized and assigned to one of 3 groups: 1) rehabilitation exercises and dietary advices plus acupuncture and auriculotherapy; 2) rehabilitation exercises and dietary advices plus homeopathy; 3) rehabilitation exercises and dietary advices (control group).</p>
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5. For the mentioned research studies (under point 4), did you receive research support?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY	<p>Please specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the type of received support (grants, funds); the entity which offered the support - Name, Place, type (public, private); <p>The research Project CHEMOCIM has been funded by the Public Regional Health System of Tuscany Region after winning the Health Research Competition 2018. Decreto dirigit. Regione Toscana N. 975 - 16/01/2020; Cod Progetto CUP J65J18000370002 ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the received amounts (for public grants please also specify the annual budget of your home institution). <p>The grant was of 314.000 Euro and the annual budget for our institution is around 120.000 Euro</p>	[Please mention the title of the study you are referring to.]

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6. Do you have intellectual property rights (IPR) related to the topics of the ECIBC (e.g. patents, trademarks, copyrights)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	01/2017 – 12/2021	Please specify the title of the IPR.	[Please describe the IPR.]
7. Did any of your immediate family members have direct interests related to the topics of the ECIBC that could undermine your independence?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY	Please mention the interest.	[Please describe the interest.]
8. Did you take part in other activities with interests related to the topics of the ECIBC?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY	Please mention the activity.	[Please describe the activity.]

Notes:

If you declared any direct interests of your immediate family members, it is your responsibility to inform them about how data on their interests are collected and published² before you send the DoI form to the Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission.

After submission of this form, you need to inform the JRC in case of any new activity by sending a message as soon as possible to JRC-CANCER-POLICY-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu.

- I hereby declare the information disclosed in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I agree my DoI form to be publicly available on the JRC Healthcare Quality website, during the European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer working group membership³.
- I am informed that my personal data are stored, processed and published by the European Commission in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725⁴.

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Date: 17.4.2022

Signature:



Place: Lucca (Italy)

²Personal data processing including the Declaration of Interests
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³Note: Technical measures are in place to ensure that search engines do not index the content from the Declaration of Interests form.

⁴Protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data

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