Flowchart 3: Author’s employment

Is the author currently employed, or have they previously been employed, by a commercial organization?

- yes

  Is the employment current, or has the author held this employment within the period beginning 36 months prior to article submission through to publication? (N.B. for authors joining after article submission, the relevant timeframe is 36 months before the date their involvement began, through to publication.)

  - yes

    Does the commercial organization have a financial interest in the topic of the Cochrane Library Content? (e.g. is it developing, manufacturing or distributing (anywhere in the world) an intervention or potential comparators related to the subject of the review?)

      - yes

        This breaches the Col Policy for Cochrane Library Content (2020), therefore this individual cannot be an author on any related Cochrane Library content.

        If you still have questions, please submit a referral to the Research Integrity Editors and Col panel here.

      - no

        This does not breach the Col Policy for Cochrane Library Content (2020).

  - no

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- no

  The author’s employment does not fall within the relevant timeframe, therefore this does not breach the Col Policy for Cochrane Library Content (2020).