Flowchart 4: Patents

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- **yes**
  - Is the patent relevant to the topic of the review?
    - **yes**
      - Does the author personally hold the patent?
        - **yes**
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        - **no**
          - This does not breach the CoI Policy for Cochrane Library Content (2020).
    - **no**
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- **no**
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