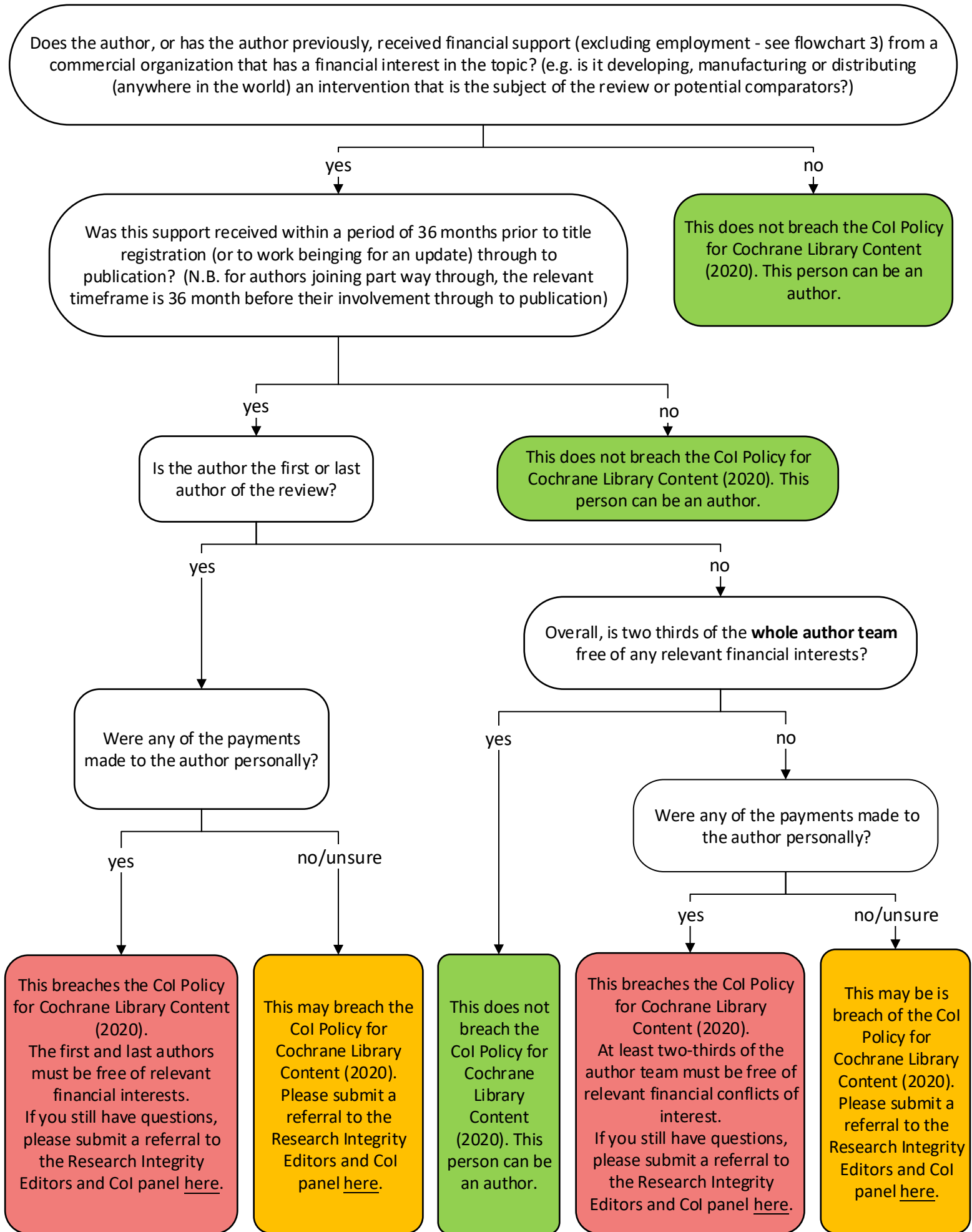


Flowchart 1: Author's payments from a commercial organization



Does the author, or has the author previously, received financial support (excluding employment - see flowchart 3) from a commercial organization that has a financial interest in the topic? (e.g. is it developing, manufacturing or distributing (anywhere in the world) an intervention that is the subject of the review or potential comparators?)

yes

no

Was this support received within a period of 36 months prior to title registration (or to work being for an update) through to publication? (N.B. for authors joining part way through, the relevant timeframe is 36 month before their involvement through to publication)

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yes

no

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yes

no

Were any of the payments made to the author personally?

Overall, is two thirds of the **whole author team** free of any relevant financial interests?

yes

no

Were any of the payments made to the author personally?

yes

no/unsure

yes

no/unsure

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