Flowchart 4: Patents

Does the author hold (or has the author applied for) a patent?

- yes
  - Is the patent relevant to the topic of the review?
    - yes
      - Does the author personally hold the patent?
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- no
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