

**Guidelines International Network 2023-2024**

7th September 2023

**Declaration of Interests**

**Name, Position (please provide your full name and position/job title):** Murad Alam, Vice-Chair of Dermatology; Professor of Dermatology, Otolaryngology, and Surgery; Professor of Medical Social Science, and Chief of the Section of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery, at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

**Activity within the GIN community(state your role/position, e.g., Trustee, Chair / Steering Group Member of WG / RC):** Trustee; Board Liaison to GIN NA; Chair, Journal Committee; Chair, Sci-Com 2023; Member, Finance Committee Member, Collaboration Working Group; Member, Updating Guidelines Working Group.

**Employment:** Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

**Direct Financial Interests (declare amounts in own currency, noting the currency)**

Type of interest	Cooperation partner/ source of funding provide name/s	Name / thematic scope of the project / activity	Period of activity indicate 1. current and/or 2. past, within the last 18 months	Value of grant / gift indicate 1. < £1000 2. < £5000 3. > £5000 a) - 10.000 b)- 50.000 c) -100.000 d) >100.000	Recipient indicate 1. you and/or 2. your institution (indirect interest)
Research grants / contracts (restricted or unrestricted)	NONE				
Advisory boards	NONE				
Consulting / Honoraria	NONE				
Paid authorship	NONE				
Meeting attendance	NONE				
Patents, copyrights, retail licenses, shares	NONE				
Stock options, holdings <sup>1</sup>	NONE				

<sup>1</sup> Does not apply to managed funds

Indirect Interests	
Type of interest	Additional information
Membership in a medical society/ professional association/advocacy group	President, American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery; President, Illinois Dermatologic Society; Member and Past President, American Society for Dermatologic Surgery; Member and Past Treasurer, Women's Dermatologic Society; member of the Board of Directors, American Academy of Dermatology, the Association of Professors of Dermatology, and the American Dermatological Association; past board member, American College of Mohs Surgery, and the Noah Worcester Society; Dermatology Advisor to the American Medical Association-Current Procedural Terminology Committee; member, Nonmelanoma Skin Cancer Panel of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network; Delegate to the United States Pharmacopeia Convention; Voting Member on the General and Plastic Surgery Devices Panel of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA); member of the Methods Group of The Cochrane Skin - Core Outcome Set Initiative (CS-COUSIN); Vice-President, Blade and Light Society.
Scientific / academic interests	Dr. Alam's clinical practice includes the treatment of skin cancer, as well as cosmetic dermatology, and laser surgery. Dr. Alam's research, which includes clinical trials and multicenter cohort studies, addresses the effectiveness, side effects, and patient acceptance of different surgical and laser treatments. Dr. Alam has a particular interest in evidence-based medicine, including the selection and measurement of outcomes. Under his direction, Northwestern has been the coordinating site of DermBASE, a multicenter database for gathering data to improve skin cancer treatment. Dr. Alam is the chair of the US-based IMPROVED group, which is developing internationally applicable core outcome sets pertaining to skin cancer and other dermatologic conditions. He is also the director of CISTERN, an international collaboration for the development of clinical practice guidelines for invasive soft-tissue tumors. Associate Editor, Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology; Associate Editor, Lasers in Medical Science; Assistant Editor, Dermatologic Surgery; Editor, Archives of Dermatological Research
Other	
Is there any other aspect of your background or present circumstances not addressed above that might be perceived as affecting your objectivity or independence? None.	
To be filled in by Reviewer	
Judgment (no conflict or low relevance/seriousness or high relevance/seriousness):	
Comments:	

Action required:

Signature:

*Murad Alam*

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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