Ancillary Information Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Form Relating to PCORI-Funded Research Project

1. Name of Recipient: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

2. Name of PCORI-Funded Research Project: Integrating Multiple Data Sources for Meta-analysis to Improve Patient-centered Outcomes Research

3. Names of Principal Investigator (PI) and Key Personnel:

   Principal Investigator
   Kay Dickersin

   Key personnel:
   Evan Mayo-Wilson
   Tianjing Li
   Nicole Fusco (PhD student)

4. Does Recipient have a Conflicts of Interest Policy or Guidelines that meets the requirements of the federal financial conflicts of interest regulations of the US Public Health Service (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/coi/) that it applies to PCORI-funded research?

   ☒ YES  ☐ NO

5. If you checked “No,” Recipient must provide information describing how Recipient will ensure that the PCORI-Funded Research Project is not influenced by conflicts of interest.

   (Form 9/28/2016)
6. Report the existence of any financial or personal interests or associations of Recipient, Principal Investigator, and Key Personnel related to the PCORI-Funded Research Project under this Contract that constitute a conflict of interest. Attach the management plan that addresses identified conflicts of interest. Please print “None” if Recipient, Principal Investigator, and Key Personnel have no financial or personal interests or associations that constitute a conflict of interest. (Attach additional documents, if needed).

All Johns Hopkins faculty disclose potential conflicts of interest to Johns Hopkins annually.

No faculty who participated in this PCORI contract currently have any financial or personal interests or associations that would constitute a conflict of interest.

7. Please list any direct or indirect links to industry (such as pharmaceutical, medical device, health insurance, and other healthcare-related companies) that Recipient has related to the PCORI-Funded Research Project. There is no need to include disclosures here that are reported under Question 6 above. (Attach additional documents, if needed).

PCORI funding ended October 2016. There are still final reports and papers that need to be written and for this reason, Evan Mayo Wilson and Nicole Fusco received a portion of their salaries (and tuition in Nicole Fusco’s case) from a Johns Hopkins-administered gift fund for scholarship related to the study of reporting biases, from October 2016 until the current time. Evan Mayo-Wilson’s funding from this gift fund will cease June 30, 2017. The fund was established by Thomas Greene, a lawyer in a variety of cases including at least one litigating one of the manufacturers of gabapentin, a drug investigated in our project. We do not perceive a conflict of interest but report this indirect link in the interest of complete transparency.

(Form 9/28/2016)
In addition, we wrote the following in our most recent article on the project:

"Up to 2008, Kay Dickersin served as an unpaid expert witness for the plaintiffs’ lawyers in litigation against Pfizer that provided several gabapentin documents used for this study. Swaroop Vedula was paid by the plaintiffs’ attorneys for research assistance provided to Kay Dickersin for her work as an expert witness. Greene LLP, a law firm that has represented various clients in litigation against Pfizer, including the case in which Kay Dickersin served as an expert witness, provided a fund for scholarly research on reporting biases that partially covered salaries of some investigators performing analysis and interpretation of data.

Terrie Cowley [a consumer investigator] is President of The TMJ Association, Ltd., which received funding from Pfizer from 2009 to 2011 (for the Campaign to End Chronic Pain in Women) and from Purdue Pharma, L.P. in 2008, 2010, and 2012 to 2016 (to support the TMJ Association science meeting and develop educational materials based on scientific research advances). “

8. If Recipient has any additional material information relating to disclosures or management of conflicts of interest, or other protections against bias pertinent to the PCORI-Funded Research Project, please describe it here.

none

The undersigned certify that the above information is complete and true to the best of their knowledge and understand that this completed form, with these disclosures, will be made publicly available by PCORI in conjunction with the research findings relating to the Research Project.
Signed: ________________________________

Print Name: Jennifer Barron

Title: Administrative Official

Date: 7/25/2017

Signed: ________________________________

Print Name: ________________________________

Title: Kay Dickerson, PI 06-29-2017

Date: ________________________________