

Conflict of Interest-Declaration

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Tobacco use has an adverse impact on health. It is proclaimed a threat by the public health community worldwide and is the most significant cause of preventable deaths globally. Using tobacco (in all forms) negatively affects the health of its consumers and their families and all those involved in its supply chain, from cultivation to people involved in its processing. It has high addiction potential, and millions of individuals are affected by it.

The tobacco industry historically employs many tactics to shape and influence tobacco control policies. The industry uses lobbying and marketing machinery to discredit scientific research and influence governments to propagate the sale and distribution of its fatal product. Furthermore, the industry continues to inject significant philanthropic contributions into research and social programs worldwide under corporate social responsibility.

Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) recognises a fundamental and irreconcilable conflict between public health and tobacco industry interests. As an Institution that promotes and protects the health of the population, we do not engage with the tobacco industry and those furthering its interests. The Institute also does not partner, invest in, or get investment from organisations with interests in the tobacco industry or those who further the agenda of tobacco companies. We do not and shall not accept and/or endorse any direct or indirect support from the tobacco industry, neither in cash nor in kind.