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# **WHO Guideline Development Group for clinical management of post COVID-19 condition: biographies**

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## **Overview**

For the development of the WHO *Guidelines for clinical management of post COVID-19 condition*, a formal Guideline Development Group (GDG) comprising individuals with broad expertise spanning multiple specialties and all WHO regions has been convened. This group also includes patient panel members.

The technical unit collected and managed declarations of interests (DOIs). In addition to the distribution of DOI forms, during meetings the WHO Secretariat describes the DOI process. GDG members are then given the opportunity to declare any interests not provided in written form.

WHO would like to acknowledge all the experts that have agreed to be a part of the GDG and thank them for their commitment and support to produce evidence-based recommendations for care of patients with post COVID-19 condition.



### **Anne Felicia Ambrose**

Anne Felicia Ambrose received her medical degree from St Johns Medical College, Bangalore and her master's in clinical research from New York University. She specializes in acquired and degenerative neurological conditions and is Board Certified both in Rehabilitation Medicine and Brain Injury. Felicia is a Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine and Neurology and is the Vice Chair of Research and Faculty Development in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, USA.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, she created the “Patient and Caregiver Guide to caring for COVID-19 patients at Home”. This handbook was translated into over 8 languages and was distributed for free in many countries through national and non-profit groups. She has investigated and published on the impact of rehabilitation on COVID-19 hospitalized patients, especially with neurological conditions. She participated in the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation’s Post Covid Task Force, which developed multi-disciplinary collaborative consensus guidelines for management of neurological complications, sleep, fatigue and psychological impairments in COVID-19 patients.

She has been recognized for her work in promoting Women’s Career Development. She has received the Association of Academic Physiatrist Outstanding Service Award and the American Medical Associations Inspiration Award for her contributions to Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion in Medicine. See Annex 1.



### **John Amuasi**

John Amuasi heads the global health department at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana. He leads Global One Health Research Group at the Kumasi Center for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine. He is a W2 Professor of Global One Health at the Bernhard Nocht Institute of Tropical Medicine, Hamburg, Germany, an adjunct Professor at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, USA, and an Honorary Visiting Research Fellow in Tropical Medicine at the University of Oxford, UK. Amuasi set up the Research and Development Unit at the 1,200-bed Komfo Anokye teaching Hospital in Kumasi.

For over 20 years, he has engaged in tropical medicine and global Health research in LMICs. He has also consulted for several Global Health-focused organizations and supported civil society organizations with technical expertise on matters related to access to drugs, vaccines, and diagnostics. Amuasi's current research involves clinical and field epidemiologic studies on malaria, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, AMR, snakebite and other neglected tropical diseases.

He serves as Co-Chair of The Lancet One Health Commission and is a regular technical advisor/contributor to the WHO, Africa CDC, African Academy of Sciences, and other global health organizations. He is a board member of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in the USA, The Soulsby Foundation in the UK, and an advisory board member of The British Medical Journal. No conflict of interest.



### **Ali A. Asadi-Pooya**

Ali A. Asadi-Pooya is Professor of Epileptology, at the Department of Neurology, Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Iran. He has done a fellowship in epilepsy and clinical neurophysiology at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA and a second fellowship on invasive intracranial EEG monitoring. He has established an epilepsy care unit and epilepsy surgery program with a multidisciplinary team at Namazee Hospital, Shiraz, Iran. He has also founded the Shiraz Epilepsy Research Center in 2020. He has published more than 350 papers and 12 books. His research focuses on functional seizures, idiopathic

generalized epilepsies, epilepsy surgery and COVID-19 effects on the brain. No conflict of interest.



### **Anant Bhan**

Anant Bhan is a physician with a master's degree in bioethics from the University of Toronto. He is a researcher in global health, bioethics, mental health, and health policy with over two decades of experience. He is Adjunct Professor, Yenepoya (deemed to be University), Mangaluru, India. Anant was Past President of the International Association of Bioethics from 2017-19. His work is focused on ethics and equity in health, mental health, digital health, public health ethics, research ethics, community engagement, ethics of innovative technologies and ethics training for professionals. He is also Mentor and Principal Investigator on multiple grants with Sangath, a civil society organization.

Anant serves on numerous institutional ethics committees, including chairing some of them. He was involved in examining ethical issues during the pandemic period at both national and global level. Anant has been a member of the WHO COVID-19 Ethics & Governance Working Group, is a member of the Steering Committee of the Global Forum for Bioethics in Research and was part of the CIOMS Working Group on Good Governance Practice for Research Institutions which recently published a guidance document. See Annex 1.



### **Lucía Crivelli**

Lucía Crivelli is the Head of Neuropsychology at the Fleni Foundation in Buenos Aires and Associate Professor of Neuropsychology at Maimonides University. She also researches at Argentina's National Scientific and Technical Research Council. Her main interests include early detection and preventive measures for cognitive decline and the cognitive consequences of COVID-19, with a focus on research in low and middle-income countries. Lucía plays a leading role in LatAm-FINGERS, the first non-pharmacological RCT to prevent cognitive decline across Latin America. She was recently appointed as the Chair of the World Young Leaders in Dementia.

In collaboration with the WHO's Neurology and COVID-19 Global Forum, she has explored the neurological consequences of COVID-19 and the effects of social isolation, uncovering significant cognitive impairments and contributing to research on treatment strategies. During the pandemic, she convened leaders from 14 Latin American countries to establish regional Tele-Neuropsychology recommendations to maintain cognitive healthcare services during periods of social isolation. Her research underscores the pandemic's profound impact on mental health in Argentina, indicating an extensive risk of mental health decline. No conflict of interest.



### **Evangelina Vazquez Curiel**

Evangelina Vazquez Curiel is a Physics graduate of the Faculty of Science at the Autonomous University of Mexico. After experiencing severe adverse events during childbirth related to healthcare associated infections, she began working for patient safety and prevention of nosocomial infections in Mexico City. In 2005, she took part in a global workshop for patient safety in England, where the Declaration of London was written. Here she became part of the founding of the patients for patient safety team.

In 2008, she founded the Mexican Network of Patients. She is the General Coordinator of the Pan American Network of Patients. In 2009, she represented the patient's voice in the global launch of the campaign "Save Lives: Clean Your Hands". She has written articles on patient participation, patient safety and prevention of nosocomial infections. She is

co-author of books like "Nursing and Patient Safety" and the "Handbook for the prevention and control of infections associated with health care." She collaborated on a chapter "Patients for Patient Safety" of a Textbook of Patient Safety and Clinical Risk Management.

In 2020, she was member of the external review group for the rapid advice guide of the World Health Organization: Use of chest imaging in COVID-19. She has been a member of the Global Advisory Group of Patients for Patient Safety of WHO. No conflict of interest.



### **Camilla Dawson**

Camilla is a clinical academic Speech and Language Therapist at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, UK, Honorary Professor at the University of Birmingham, and a professional advisor for the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. She works clinically with patients with head and neck cancer and surgically altered airways. Her clinical work and research focus on adults with dysphagia, exploring a range of subjects from swallow physiology to the individual's perception and experience of their dysphagia. Camilla has published large data sets exploring dysphagia following COVID-19, laryngeal and airway manifestations and comprehensive prevalence data including the impact of COVID-19 on communication, swallow and voice. No conflict of interest.



### **Mark Faghy**

Mark Faghy is Professor of Clinical Exercise Science at the University of Derby in England. His area of interest is in recovery from acute and chronic respiratory conditions and interdisciplinary approaches to improve quality of life. He leads the COVID-19/Long COVID research group in the UK to increase understanding of COVID-19 sequelae and wider impacts on functional status and quality of life. Alongside clinical investigations, he has incorporated qualitative/mixed methods approaches in research to ensure that lived experience is captured. He has a series of academic publications in high-ranking journals, policy briefs and invitations to submit

evidence to parliamentary exercises, including the UK COVID-19 inquiry. See Annex 1.



### **Meerjady Sabrina Flora**

Meerjady Sabrina Flora is the Additional Director General of Health Services (Planning and Development), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Bangladesh. She is responsible for leading, coordinating and supervising public health activities of the DGHS. She is the current President of Epidemiological Association of Bangladesh.

She has been Director of National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM), the only government postgraduate public health institute in Bangladesh. She led the COVID-19 surveillance and containment activities of Bangladesh including chairing the vaccine deployment core committee. She has also been the Director of Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) under MoHFW, and was director of the National Influenza Center. She has been Program Director of collaborative projects between IEDCR and US CDC, including Field Epidemiology Training Programme in Bangladesh. She was the focal point for Global Health Security Agenda in Bangladesh and acted as the Chair of the Coordination Committee for Bangladesh One Health Secretariat. She is the joint coordinator (public health) of One Health Bangladesh and is the current Vice President of International Association of National Public Health Institutes. She has worked as Assistant Director of Bangladesh Medical Research Council and with UNICEF and CARE-International Bangladesh. No conflict of interest.





### **Roger Ho**

Roger Ho is a Professor at the Department of Psychological Medicine, National University of Singapore and a Senior Consultant Psychiatrist at the Department of Psychological Medicine, National University Hospital as well as a Visiting Professor to the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He is the Research Director of the department. He is devoted to promoting the highest standard in psychiatric service, teaching and research, in Singapore and internationally. He has shown academic excellence by publishing many highly cited papers. He has several publications related to the impact of COVID-19 and post COVID-19 condition on cognition and mental health. No conflict of interest.



### **Yae-Jean Kim**

Yae-Jean Kim is a pediatric infectious diseases specialist and professor at the Department of Pediatrics Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine, Samsung Medical Center, Seoul, Korea. She is the vice president of the Korean Society of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, an executive board member of the Asia Pacific Society for Immunodeficiencies. She co-leads the Asian Network for Surveillance of Resistant Pathogens (ANSORP) Pediatric Group. Recently, she was selected as a fellow member of Infectious Diseases Society of America and a member of National Academy of Medicine of Korea. Her area of special interest is respiratory viral infection and infection in high-risk patients. She has led several studies on COVID-19 in Korea. She served as an advisory board member of the Korea Expert Committee on Immunization Practices to the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency. She has been a member of the WHO Guideline Development Group of COVID-19 treatment. See Annex 1.





## Jue Liu

Jue Liu is a research professor and the Deputy Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Peking University, China. She was a senior visiting scientist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She is founder of the Global Scientific Data Platform for Prevention, Control, and Management of Major Infectious Disease (BIG-MID) and the Global Consortium for Study on Prevention, Control, and Management of Major Infectious Diseases (GCSMID). Jue is a core member of the Expert Panel of COVID-19 in the National Health Commission of China, and the Executive Director and Deputy Secretary General of the Risk Management Branch of the China Association for Optimal Selection and Economic Mathematics. She has served in the Expert Advisory Committee of the Chinese Delegation to the World Health Assembly and the Executive Committee of the World Health Organization since 2020. She is Vice President and Secretary-General of Big Data Working Committee of Rehabilitation in the Chinese Rehabilitation Medical Association. She continues to study the epidemiology, impact and rehabilitation of post COVID-19 condition. She has authored several articles in peer-reviewed medical journals and leads workgroups in the development of evidence-based guidelines for infectious diseases. No conflict of interest.



## Andrew Lloyd

Andrew Lloyd is an infectious diseases physician, Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Practitioner Research Fellow, based in Kirby Institute at the University of New South Wales. He leads the Viral Immunology Systems Program which is a laboratory-based research program studying immunological and virological aspects of hepatitis C infection, and recently SARS COV-2 (COVID) infection. He is the Director of the UNSW Fatigue Clinic and Research Program, which is a multi-disciplinary clinical service with embedded academic research for patients with chronic fatigue states such as post-viral fatigue syndrome, post cancer fatigue, and recently Long COVID. He co-leads an international consortium of prospective cohort studies following patients to define longer term health outcomes after acute infectious diseases such as glandular fever and COVID. He leads the OUTPOST-

C (OUTcomes POST Covid) study which is a multi-state Australian prospective cohort study characterising the prevalence and health care burden of Long COVID in primary care. In 2002, he was awarded an Australia Medal for his research achievements in infectious diseases and his work in establishing hepatitis services in the New South Wales prisons. See Annex 1.



### **Nyuma Mbewe**

Nyuma Mbewe is a specialist in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. She has over 10 years of work experience in public health across national and district levels in Zambia. She obtained her Master's degree from the University of Zambia, School of Medicine, Lusaka. She currently serves as a Case Management Specialist with the Zambia COVID-19 Health Systems Strengthening and Resiliency Project at the Zambia National Public Health Institute. She is an active member of the COVID-19 Taskforce and Case Management lead on the National Action Plan for Health Security steering committee.

She has taken lessons learnt from COVID-19 to improve case management of other pathogens of pandemic potential. Her success in this role includes updating and creation of Zambia's COVID-19 Case Management Guidelines which are being upgraded into e-learning modules. She also participated in several clinical outcomes studies involving COVID-19 patients, and most recently the adaptation of the STEP survey to identify prevalence of post covid conditions in Zambia. Nyuma's other roles include serving as the Incident Commander for the Cholera Outbreak. She was one of the leads in the country's successful Pandemic Fund application. No conflict of interest.



### **Sammie McFarland**

Sammie and her daughter both developed persistent symptoms after COVID-19 infection, inspiring Sammie to form a grassroots support group. This initiative catalyzed early research efforts to address the needs of families and children affected by long-lasting COVID symptoms. The support group evolved into Long Covid Kids and Friends in 2021, a pioneering charity supporting over 11,000 members globally. In recognition of its commitment, the charity received the 2022 Self-Management Resource of the Year award from The Scottish Alliance, underscoring its dedication to improving outcomes for children and young people.

Sammie was honoured as a Coronation Champion by The Royal Voluntary Service in 2023 for her volunteer work. Her expertise has led to invitations to support esteemed bodies such as the NIHR Expert Group on Long COVID, the NHS Long Covid Task Force and the WHO Expert Panel on Post-COVID Conditions. She has provided an expert opinion in the UK COVID inquiry in 2023. Through co-authored research papers, international panel discussions, and representation of affected individuals, Sammie advocates for awareness, understanding, and research advancement. Beyond her advocacy, Sammie is a dedicated health professional with a holistic approach. No conflict of interest.



### **Ziad A. Memish**

Ziad A. Memish is a senior consultant in infectious diseases and Director of Research & Innovation Center at King Saud Medical City, Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia. He is Professor at the College of Medicine in Alfaisal University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and Adjunct Professor in the Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, USA. He obtained his MD from the University of Ottawa, Canada and is Board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Infectious Diseases. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and the American College of Physicians.

Ziad established the WHO Collaborating Center for mass gathering medicine in the Ministry of Health and WHO Collaborating Center for Infection Prevention and Control and antimicrobial resistance in the Saudi

Ministry of National Guard (Health Affairs). He chairs the national scientific technical advisory group for COVID-19 and the technical advisory group on COVID-19 vaccine under the Royal Court. He is editor-in-chief of 2 medical journals and has published more than 850 papers and book chapters. No conflict of interest.



### **Torri Metz**

Torri Metz is Vice-Chair for Research, Division Chief of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Utah Health, USA. She is a practicing maternal-fetal medicine subspecialist. Dr. Metz completed both her medical school and residency training at the University of Colorado. She then completed her Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship and Master of Science in Clinical Investigation at the University of Utah in 2012. She is a member of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) Clinical Document Review Panel and SMFM Board of Directors. She has served on the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines-Obstetrics and is an American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology board examiner for subspecialty boards. She is the Deputy Editor for Obstetrics for the Green Journal, *Obstetrics & Gynecology*. She is the PI for the Utah Center of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units Network and has funding from the National Institutes of Health to study the association between cannabis use and adverse pregnancy outcomes. She is also a principal investigator for the NIH RECOVER initiative with a focus on studying the long-term effects of SARS-CoV-2 infection during pregnancy on mothers and their offspring. See Annex 1.



### **Daniel Munblit**

Daniel Munblit obtained his medical degree from a Russian State Medical University in 2003. He accomplished his PhD in paediatrics research at Imperial College London in 2016. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Daniel initiated the Sechenov Hospital Network StopCOVID Cohort, a large cohort study following over 10,000 adults and children hospitalized with COVID-19, to facilitate research into the disease's sequelae. This work led to his involvement with the International Severe Acute Respiratory and Emerging Infection Consortium (ISARIC), where he co-led the Global Paediatric Long COVID Working Group. Daniel has led several key outcome harmonisation initiatives, including the Core Outcome Set for post-covid condition ([PC-COS](#)) project, in collaboration with ISARIC, the Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials (COMET) initiative, and the World Health Organization (WHO). No conflict of interest.



### **Resia Pretorius**

Resia Pretorius is a researcher, distinguished professor and Chair of the Department of Physiological Sciences, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. She is an honorary professor at the University of Liverpool, UK. She has received various research awards, including the NSTF BILLITON Distinguished Research Award in 2018 (South African Department of Science and Technology); South African Women in Science award (runner-up) in 2017 and 2019, and the African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Award in 2011: Basic Science and Technology: African Women in Science. Resia has published nearly 300 journal papers, and was also associate editor of the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease in 2017. She is currently on the editorial board of two Nature journals. Resia has delivered various keynote and plenary lectures at international conferences; she has supervised 70 MSc and PhD students.

Resia is a Panel member of CardioRNA COST Action CA17129, a collaborative pan-European network, a Scientific Advisory Board member of Phys2biomed (Italy), a WHO panel member: "Expanding our understanding of post COVID-19 condition" and a Scientific advisory board member: Long Covid 19 Foundation, Leeds, UK. She has filed numerous

patents, and she is the managing director of BioCODE Technologies, a Stellenbosch University start-up company. See Annex 1.



### **DVL Padma Priya**

DVL Padma Priya is a seasoned media and communications professional with over 15 years of experience spanning media entrepreneurship, journalism, advocacy, and research in diverse cultural contexts. She holds degrees from prestigious institutions and is certified in fact-checking, data visualization, and humanitarian communication. As the Editor-in-Chief and Co-founder of Suno India, a groundbreaking podcast platform, she has led the production of over 1000 episodes across 25 shows addressing critical social issues in multiple languages. Padma's expertise extends to international collaborations, where she has showcased innovative storytelling techniques and contributed to patient-led research initiatives. With a passion for advocacy and community-driven initiatives, Padma has served in various capacities with Doctors Without Borders (MSF), spearheading communication strategies and representing the organization at national and international forums. Notable accolades include winning the 2023 COVID-19 Social Media Awards for her work on Long COVID and receiving the Express Award for Women Entrepreneurs in 2022. See Annex 1.



### **Alfonso J. Rodríguez-Morales**

Alfonso J. Rodríguez-Morales is an expert in tropical and emerging diseases, particularly in zoonotic and vector-borne diseases, including COVID-19 and mpox, and their occurrence among travellers and migrants. He is senior researcher and faculty, Faculty of Medicine, Fundación Universitaria Autónoma de las Américas, Colombia. He is researcher and faculty, Faculty of Health Sciences, Universidad Científica del Sur, Lima, Peru. He is non-resident faculty researcher,



Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine,  
Lebanese American University, Beirut, Lebanon.

He serves as President, Latin American Society for Travel Medicine (2023-2025). He has been past-president, Colombian Association of Infectious Diseases (ACIN) (2021-2023) and a member of the Committee on Tropical Medicine, Zoonoses, and Travel Medicine, and on Adult Vaccines, ACIN. He is member of the Council, International Society for Infectious Diseases (ISID) (2020-2026). He is fellow of the International Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (FISAC) and member, Working Group on Viral Infections (ISAC). He is editor-in-chief, Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases. He was member of the Technical Working Group of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the Global Research Agenda on Health and Migration and the 3rd Global Consultation on the Health of Migrants and Refugees (co-organized by WHO, UNHCR and IOM) (2023). No conflict of interest.



### **Manoj Sivan**

Manoj Sivan served as WHO Europe consultant for Post-COVID Condition (PCC) during the pandemic and led the writing of “WHO’s Support for Rehabilitation: Self-Management after COVID-19-Related Illness” second edition (2021). He led the UK’s first study on PCC that contributed to the recognition of the condition, NHS pathway/service development and guidelines at the national and international levels. He led the development of the patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) C19-YRS (Yorkshire Rehabilitation Scale), which is one of the most used scales for PCC globally. His digital PROM platform is used in >40 NHS Trusts in the UK. He has published >50 articles on PCC in scientific journals, including the BMJ and The Lancet. Manoj is the President of the British Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (BSPRM), which hosts the Clinical Post-COVID Society, an international professional society for clinicians and researchers working on PCC ([www.clinicalpcs.org.uk](http://www.clinicalpcs.org.uk)). He is the Chief Investigator for several PCC studies: LOCOMOTION ([www.locomotion.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.locomotion.leeds.ac.uk)), HEARTLOC, MUSLOC and PACELOC. No conflict of interest.





### **Karen Sliwa**

Karen Sliwa is the Director of the Cape Heart Institute, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town- a translational cardiovascular research Institute. She is on a joint appointment as senior cardiologist working at the Division of Cardiology, Department of Medicine, Groote Schuur Hospital, University of Cape Town, South Africa. Her areas of expertise are cardiovascular population studies, heart failure, and cardiac disease in pregnancy. She has authored more than 450 publications and trained 35 PhD and Master students.

She has been leading several African and global research projects, which have had a major impact for creating knowledge about cardiovascular diseases common in Africa and other Middle-to-Lower income regions, leading to changes in policy. Karen leads several high-profile special interest groups including a Working Group on Peripartum Cardiomyopathy of the Heart Failure Association of European Society of Cardiology and the World Heart Federation COVID-19 and cardiovascular diseases program. She has served as President of the World Heart Federation (2019-2020) and is currently Board Member and Treasurer of the Pan African Society of Cardiology (2021-2025). No conflict of interest.



### **Agus Dwi Susanto**

Agus Dwi Susanto is Professor in Pulmonology and Respiratory Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta. He holds a PhD from Faculty of Medicine Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. He is President of Indonesia Society of Respirology from 2017 until now and President of Indonesian Association of Lung Hospitals from 2021 until now. He works as director of National Respiratory Center and National Referral Hospital for COVID-19, Persahabatan Hospital, Jakarta.

Between 2019 -2022, he was head of health services optimization sub-committee of Indonesia National Committee for COVID-19 Management. He also heads the National Committee for Respiratory Disease and Air Pollution Impact Management, Ministry of Health of Indonesia from 2023 until now. No conflict of interest.



### **Chahnez Charfi Triki**

Chahnez Charfi Triki is Professor of Neurology and Head of child neurology department at Hedi Chaker hospital, University of Sfax, Tunisia. She is director of the medical research department and research laboratory at Sfax University. She is an epileptologist, and vice-president of the International Bureau for Epilepsy-Eastern Mediterranean Region and past chair of the International League Against Epilepsy in the region. She was elected epilepsy ambassador (2023). She is a Member of Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Mental Health, Brain Health and Substance Use. She was co-chair of a working group on essential services in WHO Neurology and COVID-19: a global forum (2021-2022). She is particularly interested in post covid with publications in the subject. She was a member of expert panel for the consensus: “A clinical case definition for post COVID-19 condition in children and adolescents by expert consensus” published by WHO in February 2023. No conflict of interest.

## Annex 1: Conflicts declared in Declaration of Interests forms

NAMES	CONFLICTS DECLARED
Anne Felicia Ambrose	<p>I received a pilot grant of USD 30,150 from the National Centre for Advancing Translational Sciences to look at home-based COVID-19 rehabilitation program. The grant concluded in 2021.</p> <p>Decision: no action needed.</p>
John Amuasi	No conflict declared.
Ali A. Asadi-Pooya	No conflict declared.
Anant Bhan	<p>The organization I work with (part-time), Sangath, received philanthropic funding from the Corporate Social Responsibility Arm of Johnson and Johnson for the period April 2021 - 2024 for an implementation project to train government frontline health workers to deliver psychosocial care (counseling) for depression. The grant value was USD 700,000 for three years and ceased in March 2024. The funder did not have a direct role in the project. It was implemented with the state health system.</p> <p>Decision: no action needed.</p>
Lucía Crivelli	No conflict declared.
Evangelina Vazquez Curiel	No conflict declared.
Camilla Dawson	<p>I work in an unpaid position for the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and have advised them on best practice and have collected, analysed and published data on COVID-19.</p> <p>Decision: no action needed.</p>
Mark Faghy	<p>II have participated in the following programs:</p> <p>Gilead Sciences for COVID-19 RFP program: This is for two projects, one completed in 2023 and one expected to conclude in 2024. These are investigator-led research programs, and the University of Derby has full ownership, rights and access to the data for academic purposes.</p> <p>Gilead Long COVID advisory program: This was a role I undertook in 2022-23. My time (6 hours) was paid for by Gilead but to my employer (University of Derby) to cover my time. My role was to share our research experience in Long COVID and specifically emphasize on the benefits of our research being very patient-centered and capturing the lived experience.</p> <p>I have not benefitted personally from either of these opportunities.</p> <p>Decision: no action needed.</p>
Meerjady Sabrina Flora	No conflict declared.

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Roger Ho	No conflict declared.
Yae-Jean Kim	<p>I have a reserach grant of USD 200,000 from Korean government to my employer Samsung Medical Centre for Post COVID-19 condition including MIS-C. The study involves clinical and immunologic evaluation of the post-COVID-19 condition in adults and children including MIS-C in children (multiomics study) among multiple centers in Korea for the past two years.</p> <p>Decision: no action needed.</p>
Jue Liu	No conflict declared.
Andrew Lloyd	<p>I co-lead a two-year project funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health (the Australian federal government) AUD \$2.4M for 2023-2025. The project is funded through the University of Melbourne.</p> <p>Decision: no action needed.</p>
Nyuma Mbewe	No conflict declared.
Sammie McFarland	<p>UK COVID Inquiry - I provided a statement for the inquiry as a core participant 2023</p> <p>Founder &amp; CEO of Long Covid Kids 2021 - 2024</p> <p>My daughter and I both have Long Covid and could benefit from guidelines.</p> <p>Decision: no action needed.</p>
Torri Metz	<p>I served as a medical consultant for developing a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine in pregnancy clinical trial (Jan 2021). I also served as a site Principal Investigator for the trial (concluded in 2023)</p> <p>I serve as a site Principal Investigator for the study of the pharmacokinetics of Paxlovid in pregnancy (ongoing).</p> <p>One-time payment for medical consulting from Pfizer to me (less than \$5000). All other funds from Pfizer are routed to my institution for research activities.</p> <p>Decision: no action needed as the expert received funding for research through their institution and is not associated with or employed by pharmaceutical companies.</p>
Resia Pretorius	<p>I developed a flow cytometer method, and the method is licensed to our university start-up Company, Biocode. Biocode is assisting universities like Mount Sinai and pathology labs like Inus Laboratories in Europe to implement the microclot detection methods. It is still funded by grants. I am the founding director and on the board of Biocode. My salary is solely from the university where I do coagulation research - one of the diseases, LongCOVID. Biocode is a university start-up.</p>

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	Decision: no action needed as the expert received funding for research through their institution and is not associated with or employed by pharmaceutical companies.
DVL Padma Priya	<p>I served as a patient researcher for the Patient Led Research Collaborative. I received a grant of USD 31500 over 15 months. This concluded in November 2023.</p> <p>Decision: no action needed.</p>
Alfonso J. Rodríguez-Morales	No conflict declared.
Manoj Sivan	<p>I have research grants from research councils and non-commercial organizations in the UK (NIHR, EPSRC, ESRC Research Englade Innovate UK, MRC). The grants are paid to my University.</p> <p>Decision: no action needed.</p>
Karen Sliwa	No conflict declared.
Agus Dwi Susanto	No conflict declared.
Chahnez Charfi Triki	No conflict declared.