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Conflict of Interest-Declaration

Tobacco use is harmful to health. It is the leading preventable cause of mortality worldwide and is declared a threat by the public health community. All forms of tobacco usage have a detrimental impact on the health of those who use it, from those who cultivate it to those who process it, as well as the consumers and their families. It affects millions of people and has a significant potential for addiction.

Historically, the tobacco industry has used a wide range of strategies to mold and sway tobacco control laws. The industry manipulates governments to support the sale and distribution of its lethal product by using its marketing apparatus and lobbying power to undermine scientific studies. Additionally, the sector still makes significant charitable donations to social initiatives and research worldwide under the pretense of practicing corporate social responsibility.

A major step toward implementing the WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC) Article 5.3 obligation was taken on July 7, 2020, when the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released a Code of Conduct for all of its employees, institutions, departments, organizations, contractors, and agents, to prevent tobacco industry interference and conflicts of interest.

The interests of the tobacco industry and public health are fundamentally at odds, as stated in Article 5.3 of the WHO-FCTC. Jagaduru Gangadhar Mahaswamigalu Moorusaviramath Medical College (JGMMMC), Hubballi, Karnataka, is an institution/organization that promotes public health and refrains from interacting with the tobacco business and people who support its goals.

Our goal is to oppose the use of tobacco and other intoxicating substances in whatever form and to expose strategies used by the tobacco business. The establishment/organization does not collaborate with any entity involved in, or directly connected to, the tobacco industry. We do not collaborate with, invest in, or receive funding from groups that support the tobacco business or the objectives of the tobacco firms. We have not accepted, and we will not accept, any direct or indirect financial or in-kind support from the tobacco business.

