

Survey 9: Conflicts of Interest

Please use the scale below to rank the level of your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree

1. Authors of research publications always disclose financial conflicts of interest. _____
 2. Authors of research publications are always required to disclose any financial conflicts of interest in the subject of their research. _____
 3. It is essential for readers of research publications to know about the financial conflicts of interest of the authors of the publications. _____
 4. Significant financial conflicts of interest can cause an investigator to falsify or fabricate data _____
 5. Significant financial conflicts of interest increase the risk of unintentional bias. _____
 6. Any significant conflict of interest, not just a financial conflict of interest, can cause an investigator to falsify or fabricate research data. _____
 7. Any significant conflict of interest, not just a financial conflict of interest, increases the risk of unintentional bias. _____
 8. It is essential for readers of a research publication about the genetic basis of depression to know whether one or more of the authors have been diagnosed with clinical depression. _____
 9. It is essential for readers of a research publication about the genetic basis of homosexuality to know the sexual orientations of the authors of the study. _____
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10. replication of experiments by many researchers. _____

11. the peer review system.

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12. objective research endpoints.

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13. blinding of research data.

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