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Subject: SCENIHR conflicts of interests

Dear Ms Atzmonh,

Thank you for your letter of 3 July and your e-mail of 25 August 2014. As already stressed in the previous correspondence, there is no evidence of any conflicts of interest within the SCENHIR and the EMF working groups.

As similar concerns were recently expressed by other stakeholders, I asked the Secretariat of the Scientific Committee to investigate these allegations.

Our investigation found no facts to support these allegations, which seem to be completely unfounded. The working methods used by the EMF working group were appropriate and in accordance with our rules of procedure. All members of the working group agreed upon the preliminary opinion and its conclusions before the draft preliminary opinion was sent to the SCENIHR for approval.

No conflict of interest could be identified among members of the EMF working group or the SCENIHR members.

With regard to the SCENHIR membership, I can confirm that what is reported in the preliminary opinion is correct. Dr Joachim Schuz and Prof Anssi Auvinen, as well as Prof. Mats-Olof Mattsson and Dr. Hannu Norppa, (listed in the presentation as SCENHIR members) were SCENHIR members in the previous term (2008-2013) and they continued working on the EMF opinion after 2013 as external experts. I have asked Prof Samaras to change this slide.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Director