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<sup>5</sup> Dr Borghoff reported being a salaried employee of ToxStrategies LLC, which receives undisclosed (but presumed to be substantial) consulting fees from the American Beverage Association and the Calorie Control Council, and that the International Council of Beverages Associations sponsored her travel to and attendance at this IARC meeting.

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<sup>7</sup> Dr Galligan reported being a salaried employee of the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). In this role, he has provided written comments on the safety of aspartame in response to a regulatory docket issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. CSPI has previously petitioned the United States Food and Drug Administration to prohibit the use of methyleugenol in food in the USA.

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