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I have read and understood the BMJ policy on declaration of interests and declare the following interests:

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Non-financial interests: I am a member of the expert panel on Rheumatic Heart Disease of the Global Burden of Disease Study Group of the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME). I am Chair of the Advisory Committee of Rheumatic Heart Disease, Evidence, Advocacy, Communication, Hope (RhEACH) which is an international collaboration with a mandate "to identify, describe and disseminate solutions for this neglected disease and to reduce the burden on vulnerable populations around the world". (<http://www.rheach.org/>)

Interests of related parties: None

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