Reviewer's report

Title: Addressing Conflicts of Interest in Public Private Partnerships

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I found this to be an interesting article on a topic that has not been discussed much in the literature.

Discretionary revisions

After reading this article, I was left wondering whether the COIs related to public-private partnerships are more worrisome or less worrisome than the COIs in industry-sponsored research or other COIs. Do they pose a greater (or lesser) threat to the integrity of medicine and biomedical research than other COIs? The authors might offer some speculations on these topics.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.