Research Conflict of Interest Management Plan

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Project Title: Observational Study of Postural Stability and Dual-Task Testing: Baseline, Injury, and Time-Course for Recovery

Project Sponsor: Roche Diagnostics, Inc.

Individuals’ Roles in the Project: Dr. Neville is the Principal Investigator for this project, and Dr. Rieger is an investigator. Drs. Neville and Rieger will be using equipment donated by Motion Intelligence, Inc. (MI) to measure balance and cognitive brain function of individuals who have experienced TBI. Drs. Neville and Rieger have patented a process to transform data recorded by MI equipment to test the efficacy of this equipment. Drs. Neville and Rieger have been granted equity interest in MI in exchange for the use of their intellectual property. Dr. Neville indicated that MI may also be paying a portion of subject fees.

Nature of the Significant Financial Interest: Because Drs. Neville and Rieger own equity interest in MI, it was acknowledged by the members of the Research Conflict of Interest Committee, that this situation is a research conflict of interest because the financial interests held by Drs. Neville and Rieger could (intentionally or unintentionally) bias the outcomes of the research.

Conclusions of the Research Integrity Officer, Robert Quinn, DVM: Dr. Quinn feels that this Management Plan eliminates the possibility of, as well as the appearance of, a research conflict of interest that bias the outcomes of the study. Therefore, Dr. Neville can remain as the Principal Investigator and Dr. Rieger as Investigator on this study, provided the conditions of the Management Plan listed below are implemented and followed throughout the course of the study.
Directives of the Management Plan:

1. The study Consent Document will include the statement describing the financial interests of Drs. Neville and Rieger in the company, Motion Intelligence, Inc.: The Principal Investigator and Investigator of this study have a financial interest in Motion Intelligence, Inc., one of the sponsors of this study."

2. Any publications, seminars or other communications will acknowledge the financial conflict with the following statement: “The Principal Investigator and Investigator of this study have a financial interest in Motion Intelligence, one of the sponsors of this study.” This statement will appear in the acknowledgement section or other comparable section of the written or electronic reporting of the outcomes of the research.

3. The Principal Investigator, Dr. Neville, will identify an independent oversight committee of 2-4 individuals with expertise in the areas of traumatic brain injury and biostatistics to review all data analysis and conclusions/outcomes of this study prior to use of the outcomes for publication, presentation, future grant applications, or other uses. The members of this committee will have no professional relationship with the Principal Investigator and/or Investigator, and no financial interests in Motion Intelligence, Inc.

Review and Approval

This Research Conflict of Interest Management Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Upstate Medical University Research Integrity Officer, the Research Conflict of Interest Committee, and Dr. Christopher Neville, Principal Investigator, and Dr. Brian Rieger, Investigator.

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