

### Conflict-of-interest statement

Submission of manuscript entitled “A peptide-based enteral formula improves tolerance and clinical outcomes in abdominal surgery patients relative to a whole protein enteral formula.”

I attest to all authors listed on the title page having read the manuscript, attest to the validity of its contents, and agree to its submission to *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. It should be mentioned that none of the authors has any competing interests.

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