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Re: AER Submission, "The Economic Consequences of Hospital Admissions"

To whom it may concern:

I provide specific answers to the five specific numbered questions contained in the American Economic Association disclosure document ([http://www.aeaweb.org/aea\\_journals/AEA\\_Disclosure\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.aeaweb.org/aea_journals/AEA_Disclosure_Policy.pdf)).

1. We received financial support from several organizations, as described in acknowledgements of the paper. These grants were used to purchase data, merge data, and pay for research assistants. All of these organizations have supported research in the past.
2. I have not received any financial support in the past three years from a party that would have a financial, ideological, or political stake in the paper referenced above.
3. I am not an officer, director, or board member in a profit or non-profit organization that has a relevant relationship to the contents of the article referenced above.
4. None of my close relatives have received any financial support for my work on the paper referenced above. None of my close relatives have received any financial support in the past three years from a party that would have a financial, ideological, or political stake in the paper referenced above. None of my close relatives are an officer, director, or board member in a profit or non-profit organization that has a relevant relationship to the contents of the article referenced above.
5. The provider of the financial data used in the paper, TransUnion, had the right to review the paper prior to circulation, not for content, but to ensure that it did not inadvertently disclose proprietary or confidential information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew J. Notowidigdo".

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