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3. Professor J Garcia-Velasco:

My declarations of interest would be the companies for which I lecture or provide funds for research: MSD, Merck, Ferring, Finox.

4. Professor M Johnson:

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