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Name of Entity	Grant?	Personal Fees?	Non-Financial Support?	Other?	Comments
Medtronic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Royalties on Spinal Fusion Implant
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NuVasive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulting fees

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7,326,251	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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