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Identifying Information

1. Given Name (First Name) LILY 2. Surname (Last Name) CHU 3. Effective Date (07-August-2008) 6/6/2017
 4. Are you the corresponding author? Yes No 06-JUNE-2017

5. Manuscript Title Subgrouping MELCES Subjects And Etanercept Trials -

6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it) ~~17-0316~~ L17-0316
 (Letter to "Cytokine Inhibition in Patients With Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: A Randomised Trial")

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	Yes	No	Other
1. Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Consulting fee or honorarium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Support for travel to meetings for the study or other purposes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Fees for participation in review activities such as data monitoring boards, statistical analysis, end point committees, and the like	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Payment for writing or reviewing the manuscript	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Provision of writing assistance, medicines, equipment, or administrative support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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7. Other

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Activity	Yes	No	Other
1. Board membership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Consultancy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Expert testimony	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8. Patents (planned, pending or issued)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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12. Travel/accommodations/meeting expenses unrelated to activities listed**	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Other (err on the side of full disclosure)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Yes, the following relationships/conditions/circumstances are present (explain below):

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