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4. Are you the corresponding author?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Corresponding Author's Name Jonathan J. Deeks
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6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it) M12-2051		

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2. Consulting fee or honorarium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
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3. Support for travel to meetings for the study or other purposes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
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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"/>			X
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5. Payment for writing or reviewing the manuscript	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
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6. Provision of writing assistance, medicines, equipment, or administrative support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X

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7. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			ADD
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3. Employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
4. Expert testimony	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
5. Grants/grants pending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
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6. Payment for lectures including service on speakers bureaus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
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9. Royalties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
10. Payment for development of educational presentations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
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11. Stock/stock options	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
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12. Travel/accommodations/meeting expenses unrelated to activities listed**	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
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