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STANLEY

Surname:
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Are you the corresponding author? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Manuscript Title:

The Vulnerable Atherosclerotic Plaque: Scope of the Literature

Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it):

M10-950

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1. Given Name (First Name) GEORGIOS	2. Surname (Last Name) KITSIOS	3. Effective Date (07-August-2008) 10-August-2010
4. Are you the corresponding author? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Corresponding Author's Name STANLEY IP
5. Manuscript Title The Vulnerable Atherosclerotic Plaque: Scope of the Literature		
6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it) M10-0950		

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1. Grant	<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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						ADD
7. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
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* This means money that your institution received for your efforts on this study.

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