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Thad Abrams, MD
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4. Are you the corresponding author? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
5. Manuscript Title DOES GEOGRAPHICAL ISOLATION IMPACT THE RISK OF CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE RELATED MORTALITY?"		
6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it) (M10-2108)		

### Section 2. The Work Under Consideration for Publication

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						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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						ADD
10. Payment for development of educational presentations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
11. Stock/stock options	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
12. Travel/accommodations/meeting expenses unrelated to activities listed**	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
13. Other (err on the side of full disclosure)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD

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