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1. Given Name (First Name) Pentti      2. Surname (Last Name) Huovinen      3. Effective Date (07-August-2008) 05-October-2010

4. Are you the corresponding author?     Yes     No      Corresponding Author's Name  
Dr. Aino Ruohola

5. Manuscript Title  
Antimicrobial Treatment of Acute Otitis Media: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study at Otitis-Prone Age

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1. Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Turku		X
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4. Are you the corresponding author?     Yes     No

5. Manuscript Title  
Antimicrobial Treatment of Acute Otitis Media: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study at Otitis-Prone Age

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10-07174

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1. Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases	Personal grant	X
1. Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Foundation for Paediatric Research	For study expenses	X
1. Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Research Funds from Specified Government Transfers	For study expenses	X
1. Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation	For study expenses	X
1. Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Paulo Foundation	Personal grant	X
						<b>ADD</b>
2. Consulting fee or honorarium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						<b>ADD</b>
3. Support for travel to meetings for the study or other purposes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Turku University Foundation		X
3. Support for travel to meetings for the study or other purposes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finnish Paediatric Society		X

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						ADD
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						ADD
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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"/>			X
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						ADD
2. Consultancy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			×
						ADD
3. Employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			×
						ADD
4. Expert testimony	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			×
						ADD
5. Grants/grants pending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			×
						ADD
6. Payment for lectures including service on speakers bureaus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			×
						ADD
7. Payment for manuscript preparation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			×
						ADD
8. Patents (planned, pending or issued)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			×
						ADD
9. Royalties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			×
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10. Payment for development of educational presentations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			×
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11. Stock/stock options	<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"/>			×
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13. Other (err on the side of full disclosure)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inverness Medical, Point of Care Diagnostics, Binax, Inc. Scarborough, ME, USA has donated Binax NOW Streptococcus pneumoniae test for the study project.		×
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1. Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
2. Consulting fee or honorarium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			X
						ADD
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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7. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			ADD
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2. Consultancy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abbott	For palivizumab meeting	X
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1. Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Maud Kuistila Memorial Foundation		X
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3. Support for travel to meetings for the study or other purposes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Medicine, University of Turku		X
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