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Juha Kukkonen

5. Manuscript Title  
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If yes, please fill out the appropriate information below. If you have more than one entity press the "ADD" button to add a row. Excess rows can be removed by pressing the "X" button.

Name of Institution/Company	Grant?	Personal Fees?	Non-Financial Support?	Other?	Comments
The Kuopio University Hospital research fund (EVO, VTR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Dr. Joukainen reports grants from The Kuopio University Hospital research fund (EVO, VTR), during the conduct of the study; .

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Juha

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