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1. Given Name (First Name) Amit	2. Surname (Last Name) Jain	3. Date 26-October-2015
4. Are you the corresponding author? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Corresponding Author's Name Dr. Sponseller
5. Manuscript Title Can a "Final" Surgical Fusion be Avoided in Patients with Early-Onset Scoliosis Who Reach Skeletal Maturity After Growing-Rod Treatment?		
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1. Given Name (First Name) John	2. Surname (Last Name) Emans	3. Date 27-October-2015
4. Are you the corresponding author? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Corresponding Author's Name Paul Sponseller
5. Manuscript Title Can a "Final" Surgical Fusion Procedure be Avoided in Patients with Early-Onset Scoliosis Who Reach Skeletal Maturity After Growing-Rod Treatment		
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Medtronic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	consultant
Synthes/Depuy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	consultant, royalties

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1. Given Name (First Name) Jeff	2. Surname (Last Name) Pawelek	3. Date 16-October-2015
4. Are you the corresponding author? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Corresponding Author's Name Paul Sponseller, MD
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1. Given Name (First Name) Behrooz	2. Surname (Last Name) Akbaria	3. Date 17-October-2015
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SICOT Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President/CEO; no compensation
Kluwers Wolters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-Editor, Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics
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