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| 1. Given Name (First Name)<br>Amruta   | 2. Surname (Last Name)<br>Ashtekar | 3. Date<br>19-November-2014             |
| 4. Are you the corresponding author? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                    | Corresponding Author's Name<br>Erin Hsu |
| 5. Manuscript Title<br>Dioxin exposure impairs bone healing in a rat spine fusion model                  |                                    |   |
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| 4. Are you the corresponding author? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                 | Corresponding Author's Name<br>Erin Hsu |
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