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1. Given Name (First Name) Stephen      2. Surname (Last Name) Nicholls      3. Date 29-October-2020

4. Are you the corresponding author?     Yes     No

5. Manuscript Title  
Assessing the Impact of PCSK9 Inhibition on Coronary Plaque Phenotype with Optical Coherence Tomography: Rationale and Design of the Randomized, Placebo-Controlled HUYGENS Study

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Name of Institution/Company	Grant?	Personal Fees?	Non-Financial Support?	Other?	Comments
Amgen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Effect of PCSK9 inhibitors on atherosclerotic plaque	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	US Patent Office	Named investigator, no royalties

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