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| writing, gifts or other<br>services  | 12 |                              |      |  |
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| 13  Other financial or non- None   |    |                              |      |  |
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| financial interests  | 13 |                              | None |  |
|  |    | financial interests          |      |  |
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| hepatocellular carcinoma patients      |   |                 |
| Manuscript number (if known):          |   |                 |

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| educational events   |    | speakers bureaus,            |      |  |
| educational events   |    | -                            |      |  |
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| 4 | Consulting fees               | None   |   |
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| 6    | Payment for expert           | None |  |
| 0    | testimony                    |      |  |
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| 7    | Support for attending        | None |  |
|      | meetings and/or travel       |      |  |
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| 8    | Patents planned, issued or   | None |  |
| Ū    | pending                      |      |  |
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| 9    | Participation on a Data      | None |  |
| 9    | Safety Monitoring Board or   |      |  |
|      | Advisory Board               |      |  |
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|      | in other board, society,     |      |  |
|      | committee or advocacy        |      |  |
|      | group, paid or unpaid        |      |  |
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|      |                              |      |  |
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| 12   | Receipt of equipment,        | None |  |
|      | materials, drugs, medical    |      |  |
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|      | services                     |      |  |
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