

Author's response to reviews

Title: Observational cohort study of the natural history of Niemann-Pick disease type C in the UK: a 5-year update from the UK clinical database

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Dr Ying Lou

Executive Editor, BMC Neurology

Dear Dr. Lou

Re. manuscript number NURL-D-15-0020 entitled, Observational cohort study of the natural history of Niemann-Pick disease type C in the UK: a 5-year update from the UK clinical database

Further to your correspondence dated 24th November 2015, we re-submit the above-named manuscript for further peer-review regarding publication in BMC Neurology as an original research report.

Below, we provide a point-by-point response to each of the editorial comments. We hope that our responses, and the minor changes made to the submitted manuscript (also included) meet with your requirements, and we look forward to your further response.

Yours sincerely

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Reviewer 1

Comment 1: Please include special consent statements. After assessing your manuscript, we note that a large amount of individual clinical details are presented in tables. Please revise your manuscript to clarify that participants or their kin provided written informed consent for the publication of individual clinical details. If so, this should be stated, if this specific consent was not obtained then individual data must be removed from your manuscript

Response: The following statement has now been included in the 'Ethical data reporting' section: 'All patients and/or their kin provided written informed consent for publication of individual clinical details, as presented in this report'.

Editorial requests

Ethics: If your study involves humans, human data or animals, then your article should contain an ethics statement which includes the name of the committee that approved your study. If ethics was not required for your study, then this should be clearly stated and a rationale provided.

Response: Ethical conduct of the study is already addressed in the 'ethical data reporting' section of the manuscript.

Consent: If your article is a prospective study involving human participants then your article should include a statement detailing consent for participation. If individual clinical data is presented in your article, then you must clarify whether consent for publication of these data was obtained.

Response: See response to comment 1 from reviewer 1.

Availability of supporting data: BioMed Central strongly encourages all data sets on which the conclusions of the paper rely be either deposited in publicly available repositories (where available and appropriate) or presented in the main papers or additional supporting files, in machine-readable format whenever possible. Authors must include an Availability of Data and Materials section in their article detailing where the data supporting their findings can be found. The Accession Numbers of any nucleic acid sequences, protein sequences or atomic coordinates cited in the manuscript must be provided and include the corresponding database name.

Response: We do not feel that this it is possible to comply with this request, as almost all of the data presented in the manuscript relate to personal information of patients in a locked national database.

Authors Contributions: Your 'Authors Contributions' section must detail the individual contribution for each individual author listed on your manuscript.

Response: All author contributions are already addressed in the manuscript under the 'Author contributions' section.