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Re: Formatting changes to "PAIS: Paracetamol (Acetaminophen) In Stroke; protocol for a randomized, double blind clinical trial. [ISCRTN 74418480]"

Dear mrs Parkin,

Please accept our apologies for responding so late to your e-mail of June 6, 2005. Please find enclosed the above mentioned manuscript, with the formatting changes you suggested. We have checked the manuscript carefully for any typing error, and could not find any. Below follows a list of the changes we made on your request:

Footnotes: The footnote on page 6 is now incorporated in the main text.

References: All references are now placed before the full stop. The text: "In the study of Schwab et al (ref)...." has been amended, and the correct reference number has been added. The reference list now contains all authors' names, regardless of how many there are.

Title: we now use "sentence case only" in the title, and throughout the manuscript.

Competing interests: We added the statement: The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

Author list: The author list has been written identically and in the same order as in the submission system.

Abstract: The abstract now bears the title "Abstract", and is structured into Background, Methods/Design and Discussion. Abstract details have been updated on the submission page.

We added one sentence to the discussion section of the abstract:: "This is a simple trial, with a drug that only has a small effect on body temperature in normothermic patients. However, ..."

Manuscript sections are now: Abstract; Background; Methods/Design; Discussion; Abbreviations (if any); Competing interests; Authors' contributions; Acknowledgements; References.

Yours sincerely,

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