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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please would you consider our manuscript, entitled "Study protocol to investigate the effects of testosterone therapy as an adjunct to exercise rehabilitation in hypogonadal males with chronic heart failure [ISRCTN99667121]" for publication in Biomed Central.

Exercise rehabilitation can safely increase exercise capacity in stable CHF patients but there is a need for studies which are aimed at evaluating the long-term effects of physical training on functional status, morbidity and mortality. This research will involve exercise scientists and clinicians working together to improve understanding of the feasibility and benefits to be gained from combining exercise therapy with pharmacologic treatment in this patient group.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Dr John M Saxton