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Dear Mr A Bongcayao

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Thank you for the letter dated 2011/07/27 in which you enclosed the reviewers’ comments on version 2 of our manuscript. We noted that two of the reviewers had no further comments. Dr/Prof Kimiaki Utsugisawa raised 4 minor points which we have addressed:

1. ‘Quantified’ in the foot note of Table 2 has been changed to ‘quantitative’
2. ‘Seronegative’ has been changed to ‘AChR-Ab-negative’
3. I have deleted the reference to ‘(%)’ as the fractions are small and similar and restructured those rows in Table 2 for clarity
4. The Mann-Whitney U-test was used to assess the difference in the ordinal data of the quantitative MG score between the two groups and therefore the reference to it in the statistical methods is necessary.

Other editorial requirements: I have included the ‘www’ location of the clinical trial reference (last accessed 27 July 2011) and changed the formatting and layout of the Tables as requested.

All the authors have agreed to the alterations and to the submission of the present manuscript. I trust you will find these changes acceptable.

Sincerely

Jeannine Heckmann, on behalf of the co-authors.