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To the Editorial Board of *BMC Neurology*

Dear Sirs,

We hereby submit our manuscript titled “Pregabalin versus gabapentin in the management of peripheral neuropathic pain associated with post-herpetic neuralgia and diabetic neuropathy: A cost effectiveness analysis for the Greek healthcare setting” for review by the BMC Neurology Editorial Board. The paper encapsulates the results of our 2011 economic evaluation of pregabalin versus gabapentin in the management of patients with painful diabetic neuropathy or post – herpetic neuralgia in view of the third party payer in Greece.

In an era where health care systems worldwide (and especially in Greece), are faced with significant fiscal pressures and mandates to reduce costs, resource allocation decisions have become an everyday priority. In such a background, economic evaluation, especially for newer and more expensive agents, is essential in supporting the decision making process in an evidence-based way. Taking the above into account and given the important work that BMC Neurology has published in the field of economic evaluation of novel medications for the management of patients with chronic pain, we believe that the results of our study, disseminated through the strong and highly valid “voice” of BMC Neurology, can contribute to the active scientific dialogue and, thus, be of interest both to the Greek as well as to the international audience.

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Yours faithfully,
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On behalf of the team of authors