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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Re: MS: 1995547925902655 – addition of consent statement

This letter is outlining our minor change to the protocol paper submitted to BMC Neurology in November 2012 titled: The efficacy of SMART Arm training early after stroke with severe arm disability: A protocol for a randomised controlled trial.

Your email of 27/4/2013 indicated that we had one editorial point to address in the manuscript – we needed to outline that we had obtained consent from the patient in Figure 1 to have this image published. Indeed, yes, we have consent from this patient for this image to be used in publications and can forward the signed consent form when required.

In addition, as requested we have added the following statement to a section headed “Consent to publish” situated between the author’s contributions and the acknowledgements. The section states “Written informed consent was obtained from the patient for publication of the image (Figure 1). A copy of the written consent is available for review by the Editor of this journal.”

We look forward to the timely progression of this paper through your system.

Regards,

Sandra G Brauer, author