Author's response to reviews

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Dear editor,

We hereby re-submit our manuscript “The Norwegian Stroke in the Young Study (NOR-SYS): Rationale and design”.

Response to your concerns:

1. “We note that, in figure 3, a patient is pictured undergoing ultrasound. Please revise your manuscript to clarify that the patient pictured provided written informed consent for the publication of this image.”

   The pictured patient gave informed written consent in 2006, where the image was taken with the purpose of publication in the PhD thesis “Cerebral infarction and inflammation” by Ulrike Waje-Andreassen (University of Bergen, Norway, 2007), and for educational purposes. This fact was added to the figure legend.

2. “Figures 2, 4 and 5 are ultrasound images. Before we proceed further, we require you to provide us with details for the sources of these images. Please clarify whether these images were sourced during the course of your study, whether they were obtained from clinical records or previous publications.”

   Figures 2, 4 and 5 were all sourced during the course of our study and have not been published previously. They are not obtained from clinical records.

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in your journal.

With best regards,

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