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RESPONSE
This study has been funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care - Ontario Stroke Network. This is a provincial government funding agency (province of Ontario, Canada). The study has also been reviewed by the Research Ethics Board of the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute - University Health Network. Supporting documentation has been forwarded to the editorial office.

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Could you also provide a list of any manuscripts that are under submission with other journals based on this study protocol?

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No other manuscripts are under submission with other journals based on the study protocol.

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A statement indicating research ethics approval has been added to the Design Overview section in the methods.