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Dear Mr. Rodis,

I hereby submit the revised version of our manuscript entitled “Study protocol of prednisone in episodic cluster headache (PredCH): a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled parallel group trial to evaluate the efficacy and safety of oral prednisone as an add-on therapy in the prophylactic treatment of episodic cluster headache with verapamil.” The following changes have been made in order to fulfil the necessary editorial requirements prior to peer review as they were addressed in your email on the 7th June 2013:

1. Details of the sample size and power calculation are now provided under “Statistical analysis and sample size considerations”.
2. A list with the names of all ethics committees that approved the study is now added to the paragraph “Informed consent, ethics, Data Safety Monitoring Board”
3. The trial registration number of the German Clinical Trials Register is added to the last line of the abstract.
4. Funding details are included in the “Acknowledgements” section.
5. Funding details and the responsible ethics committees can now be found in the new version of the manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration and your helpful suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Burmeister