Author's response to reviews

Title: Neutralizing antibodies explain the poor clinical response to Interferon beta in a small proportion of patients with Multiple Sclerosis: a retrospective study

Authors:

Emilia Sbardella (emilia.sbardella@uniroma1.it)
Valentina Tomassini (valenttt@fmrib.ox.ac.uk)
Claudio Gasperini (c.gasperini@libero.it)
Francesca Bellomi (francesca.bellomi@uniroma1.it)
Luca Ausili Cefaro (luca.ausilicefaro@hotmail.it)
Vincenzo Brescia Morra (centrosm@unina.it)
Guido Antonelli (guidoantonelli@uniroma1.it)
Carlo Pozzilli (carlo.pozzilli@uniroma1.it)

Version: 4 Date: 19 September 2009

Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Editor,

I am pleased to submit the revised version of the paper entitled “Neutralizing antibodies explain the poor clinical response to Interferon beta in a small proportion of patients with Multiple Sclerosis: a retrospective study” as an original presentation for publication in BMC NEUROLOGY. Changes in the text have been done as required.

The submission consists of the main article together with 3 tables and 2 figures. The paper has not been published previously nor is it under consideration for publication in another journal. All authors have approved the manuscript and have agreed to the conditions listed in the Author Disclosure Form.

As the principal author, I can confirm that I take full responsibility for the data, the analyses and interpretation, and the conduct of the research. I had full access to all of the data. I have the right to publish any and all data, separate and apart from the attitudes of the sponsor.

Thank you for publishing this paper.

Yours sincerely,

Carlo Pozzilli

Corresponding author:
Carlo Pozzilli,
Dept of Neurological Sciences,
“La Sapienza” University,
V.le dell’Università 30,
00185 Rome,
Italy
carlo.pozzilli@uniroma1.it,
tel n.+39-06-49914708,
fax n +39-06-4457705
Major revisions

References - The reference list should contain all authors' names, if there are 10 or below. The term 'et al.' should not be used.

We corrected the references and now the reference lists contain all authors' names. However in reference 2 9, 10, 13, 17 and 30 there are more than 10 names.