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Title: TIPIT: A Randomised Controlled Trial of Thyroxine in Preterm Infants under 28 weeks Gestation: Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Magnetic Resonance Angiography Protocol

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Thank you for the comments.
We have now amended the 2 points suggested by the editor:
(1) Document, within your manuscript, the fact that the North West Research Ethics Committee gave ethical approval of your study.
Action: This is now added on page 9 under section:
"Regulatory bodies
EUDRACT number: 2005-003-09939
MHRA approval was granted 15th June 2007
North West Research Ethics Committee gave a favourable ethical opinion to the study on 12th June 2007."

(2) Provide a power calculation for the sample size of your study. If there is any reason why you are unable to do so, please make sure to include a statement to this effect in your manuscript.
Action: This is now added on page 8 under section:
"Sample Size Calculation
The power calculation for the sample size of the study was based on a sample size of 64 in each group which will have 80% power to detect a difference
between the means of the thyroxine and placebo groups of 0.67mm (0.5*SD) for the outcome subarachnoid space at 36 weeks’ CGA37. This assumes that the common standard deviation is 1.3mm and analysis is based on using a two group t-test with a 0.05 two-sided significance level. The value for the SD is taken from Armstrong et al56 who report subarachnoid space as an indirect method of brain growth in preterm infants."