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Title: A Global Patient Outcomes Registry: Cochlear Paediatric Implanted Recipient Observational Study (P-IROS)

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Dear Dr. Morawska,

**MS: 1037763845131478: “A Global Patient Outcomes Registry: Cochlear Paediatric Implant Recipient Observational Study (P-IROS)”**

Thank you for assessing our manuscript/study protocol above, which was originally submitted to BMC – ENT as a Database Article (MS: 5818536231233428) on 07 March 2014. Please find below our detailed response to the requests of the editors (in italics).

**Requests from editors:**

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   *We acknowledge this comment from the editor, and have revised the manuscript accordingly to reflect competing interests of all authors listed (pg. 18, paragraph II).*

B. Could you please respond to the following points below and provide the requested responses in your cover letter.

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   *We acknowledge this comment from the editors and confirm that the study received funding/assistance from a commercial organisation. This was noted on the Title Page of the submitted manuscript (pg. 1, paragraph VI). As requested, we also highlight this under ‘competing interests’ in the revised manuscript (in duplicate on pg. 18, paragraph II).*

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   *The current study status is ‘ongoing’. This was noted in the Methodology section (under ‘2.1.4 Study Period’) of the submitted manuscript (pg. 8, paragraph II).*

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   *We confirm that currently no part of the data arising from P-IROS have been published or submitted for publication elsewhere.*

We look forward to receiving your comments on the manuscript soon.

Kind regards,

Ms. Thathyra Ariyaratne