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Dear Erica Cruz,

Thank you for your response to the CATS II protocol manuscript submission. Please find descriptions of the requested information below.

a. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation
Before we can proceed with your submission, can you please forward copies of all ethical approval and funding approval for our records. These documents should be sent as email attachments to the following email address, BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com. Please DO NOT upload these documents as additional files in the submission system. If your documents are not in English, please could you provide translated versions of the relevant parts. These should be endorsed and signed by a contactable person at the institution. Please also include the original documents. Can you please confirm in your cover letter that you have forwarded the requested documentation to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com.

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b. Funding
A study is considered to be externally funded if the authors have been awarded a grant for the study by a major funding body (e.g. governmental funding/award from a charitable foundation). If a study has not received external funding, then the study protocol will be sent for peer-review with a member of our Editorial Board. If a study has received funding/assistance from a commercial organization, this should be clearly stated in the 'competing interests' section of your manuscript, and the study protocol will be sent for peer-review by a member of our Editorial Board. Can you please confirm whether your study protocol has undergone peer-review by the funding body.

The cognitive aspects of CATS II are funded by a well-respected medical charity, Action Medical Research, who undertook peer review of the project prior to making the award.

c. Study status
The protocol must be for a study that is ongoing. An ‘ongoing’ study is defined as one where the investigators are still collecting, or analyzing data. Can you please confirm what stage your study is currently at.

The CATS II project is still collecting data and will continue to do so until the end of August 2015.
d. Related Articles
Can you please clarify whether any publications containing the results of this study have already been published or submitted to any journal. If so, can you please provide a list of the related articles.

The CATS I findings were published in 2012:

No data for CATS II has been submitted to, or published by any journal.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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