Author's response to reviews

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Melissa Norton, MD
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Dear Dr. Melissa Norton,

Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled: The time course of subsequent hospitalizations and associated costs in survivors of an ischemic stroke in Canada. This paper describes the results of a retrospective database analysis estimating the costs and resource use of a population of patients suffering a stroke.

All of the authors have participated in the work and writing of the manuscript. They have seen and approved the paper. This work has not been published elsewhere. Although Sanofi-Aventis and Bristol-Myers Squibb provided funding for portions of the study, no editorial control was allowed. We would be pleased to supply the paragraphs from the funding contract that highlight this point, if necessary.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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