Dear Professor Sandercock,

Herewith we would like to submit the statistical analysis plan of the ‘Preventive Antibiotics in Stroke Study’ (PASS) for publication in as update in Trials.

The Preventive Antibiotics in Stroke Study (PASS) is a multicentre prospective, randomised, open-label, blinded end point trial of preventive antibiotic therapy in acute stroke. In April 2014 we completed inclusion of all 2550 patients. In this manuscript we present the statistical analysis plan, which we would like to publish before the database is closed and randomisation code is broken. I hope you understand our hurry in getting this published, and perhaps you help us with a fast review process. We would appreciate you comments on this protocol.

We hope you will consider this paper for publication in Trials,

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Diederik van de Beek

Also on behalve of dr. Paul Nederkoorn