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Thank you for accepting to publish our manuscript “Mobilization after thrombolysis (rtPA) within 24 hours of acute stroke: What factors influence inclusion of patients in A Very Early Rehabilitation Trial (AVERT)? A retrospective audit.”

We have revised the manuscript according to your comments sent on the 26th July 2014. In order to comply with these we included the email addresses of all authors on the title page. The figures and tables were removed from additional files and added at the end of the manuscript. Their legends were separately added in the main manuscript text at the end of the document and fit with the editing requirements.

We have yet to hear whether the University of Melbourne has accepted to defray some of the costs of production of this manuscript. As I hold an honorary position within the department and the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health is a Department of the University, I hope this will be the case.

Yours sincerely,

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