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Title: Doxycycline for the treatment of nodding syndrome (DONS): a phase II, randomised placebo controlled trial. The study protocol

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Response to Reviewers and Editors Comments

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Dear Editor

Please find here our response to the queries you raised.

1) Please indicate in the title that this is a study protocol.

We have added “The study protocol” to the title.

2) Thank you for providing proof of peer review from the Medical Research Council. However, we still require proof of funding approval. These documents should be sent as email attachments to the following email address: BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com

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This document has been emailed to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com as requested.

3) Can you please clarify whether the EDCTP2 programme supported by the European Union provided separate funding for this study or whether it is part of the MRC/DFID funding? If they provided separate funding, please provide proof of funding approval.

No. The MRC/DFID funding is part of EDCTP2 programme. EDCTP2 did not provide separate funding.

4) We note that there is already a published article (Anguzu et al. 2018) that describes setting up the study and includes some details about the clinical trial that are reported in this manuscript. Could you please reference this article in the manuscript?

This manuscript has now been referenced.

5) Please update the date of trial registration to when it was first posted on clinicaltrials.gov, 1 August 2016.

The date of registration has been updated.
Thank you

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