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Dear Editor,

Please find below our response to Reviewers comments on “NURL-D-18-00268R3: Doxycycline for the treatment of nodding syndrome (DONS): a phase II, randomised placebo controlled trial. The study protocol.”

1. The individual contributions of ALL authors to the manuscript should be specified using their initials in the Authors’ Contributions section.

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We have re-phrased some sentences and paragraphs in the background to minimize the overlap.

Thank you

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