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Re: ID NURL-D-18-00707R2

Dear Dr. Byrne and Dr. Ragen,

We thank you for your comments.

A point-by-point response letter accompanies our revised manuscript.

A single clean version of the revised document has been uploaded.

We hope that our manuscript now meets the requirements for publication in BMC Neurology. If we can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.
We very much look forward to receiving your response.

Kind regards,

Dear Mrs Pradines,

Your manuscript "Guided Self-rehabilitation Contract vs conventional therapy in chronic stroke-induced hemiparesis: NEURORESTORE, a multicenter randomized controlled trial" (NURL-D-18-00707R2) has been assessed. Based on these reports I am pleased to inform you that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Neurology, once you have carried out some essential revisions, which are included at the end of this email, after the signature.

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Response: We followed the recommendations of the editor and removed the Figures 2 and 3.

2) At this stage, please upload a single final, clean version of the manuscript (including all relevant tables/figures) that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours.

Response: A single final clean version of the manuscript has been uploaded, with its relevant tables and figures as separated files.