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Re: NURL-D-18-00451 “Efficacy of Botulinum Toxin A in Modifying Spasticity to Improve Walking and Quality of Life in Post-Stroke Lower Limb Spasticity - a Randomized Double-blind Placebo Controlled Study”

Dear Prof Ragen

Thank you for your letter on the 12 October 2018. Please find the following itemized response to your queries. Also note that I am submitting the revised manuscript in the Editorial section.

1. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation- please find the attached document
2. Funding- Please note that the study is funded by two grants I) Investigator Initiated Trial Grant – by Allergan. The company will be providing the Botulinum toxin vials for conducting the RCT. II) The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Research Foundation is providing additional grant for employing the physiotherapist and other expenses. Please note that the study protocol has undergone peer review by both the funding bodies.

3. Study status- We have started recruiting in the RCT. The first batch of 3 patients have been recruited so far.

4. SPIRIT guidelines- I will upload the spirit guidelines while submitting the revised manuscript.

5. I will go through the submission guidelines before submitting the revised manuscript.

6. Please note that the informed consent is a written informed consent- I have attached the Patient Information Consent Form for the RCT.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards

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