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Re: NURL-D-18-00451R2-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 Ms Dillon

Thanks for your letter dated 29 April 2019 re the above-mentioned manuscript. Please find the itemized revisions as outlined below.

1. Trial registration—the trial was registered on the 07/12/2017 Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry (ANZCTR) with the ACTRN: 12617001603303 (prospectively registered).

2. Abbreviations -list of abbreviations provided and placed before the declaration section.

3. Form of consent to participate -written consent obtained and this is mentioned in the body of the manuscript.
4. Consent for publication - not applicable as the manuscript is a protocol paper and will not contain any identifying images.

5. Role of funding - The study is funded by an Investigator Initiated Trial Grant (IIT) by Allegan and the Hospital Research Foundation Grant. Allegan will provide the Botulinum toxin required for the trial and the Hospital Research Foundation will provide money for the salary of the physiotherapist and towards the cost of procurement of ActivPAL etc. The study has been designed by the investigators - the data collection, analysis, and interpretation of the data will be done by the investigators. This manuscript has been written by the investigators. This is mentioned in the body of the manuscript.

6. Authors’ contribution - ADG conceived the idea, designed the study and produced the first draft of the study. SH helped with the statistical analysis and sample size calculation for the study. RV, IC, SK and DW - all have provided intellectual content in the preparation and editing of the manuscript. All authors read and approve the final manuscript. This is mentioned in the main manuscript as advised.

7. Figure 1 uploaded along with the revised manuscript.

8. Clean version of the manuscript along with the clean version of the figure uploaded as a separate file. Please let me know if there are any other queries.

Kind regards

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