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Dear Philip,

The IDMC of the TARDIS study met this morning (29/11/10).

Once again we were presented with an excellent summary of the study data.

The unanimous recommendation of the IDMC is that the study should continue without modification.

We would like to congratulate you on the fact that the study is recruiting ahead of target. However, if the current rate of recruitment is maintained, which seems likely given the strong support from the Stroke Research Network, we are concerned that the study might not be adequately resourced to deal with the larger number of patients and the increased flow of data. Our responsibility is to protect the interests of patients and the integrity of the study. Although we have no concerns with the current conduct of the study, at our next meeting in six months time we would like to be assured that you have adequate resources to continue to conduct the study to an adequate standard.

Ian