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Dear Dr Ali

Thank you for sending me information and literature on the methods used in the treatment of our stroke patients.

It was nice talking to you on Thursday the 12th May. This gave us a chance to clarify any misunderstandings which had occurred, and to plan how to resolve the problems thrown up by our experience so far. This is a normal occurrence during the pilot phase of any scientific research.

Most patients have benefited from your treatment beyond my original expectations, but less rapidly than your expectations. Although the initially planned 20 treatments are about to be completed, patients have not yet reached a plateau. We agreed that the most probable cause is that these long standing strokes in very old patients may require a more prolonged course of treatment to achieve maximum benefit. We have therefore agreed to prolong the study to a total of 30 treatments, subject to Mrs Theresa Hale's, Dr Petty's and the Ethics Committee's approval. There will be no other change in the protocol. This means that the study is nearer the halfway mark, than the end.

Dr Petty has approved this change and I understand that Theresa Hale has also given her consent. I will apply to the Hammersmith Hospital Ethics Committee for approval of this modification today.

The nurses have been so pleased with the benefits enjoyed by the patients that they have spared no effort to support our study. I do not think we could have hoped for a more willing collaboration from them. I am glad you understood however how of the many nurses in the hospital only a few have actually seen or spoken to you or Bodru; and that you have agreed to visit the wards as often as you can from now on to instruct them about how to exercise the patients. In my opinion the nurses' contribution has been greater than what was specified in our original protocol; you should be able however to focus it more on the specific requirements that you desire.

I hope and trust the extension of this study will bring about the further improvements in our patients we all hope for.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely *Kind regards*

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cc: Ms Theresa Hale
Dr Richard Petty