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Dear Professor Bath

Re: PODCAST 'Prevention of Decline in Cognition After Stroke Trial'.

NHS East Midlands supports a regional R&D strategy that aims to improve the health and well-being of the population.

The PODCAST study has the potential to make an important contribution to the evidence base on the cost-effectiveness of treatments for stroke patients.

The area of study has strategic fit with our programme area on stroke medicine and within our overall vision for patient care "*From Evidence to Excellence*".

Hence, the SHA supports the trial, and trusts that researchers and partners will implement it in accordance with the appropriate regulatory and best practice research guidance.

Yours sincerely,

Signed on behalf of East Midlands Strategic Health Authority:

Professor David Sowden
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