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Dear sir or madam,

Sponsorship Statement

Re: Prevention Of Decline in Cognition After Stroke Trial (PODCAST): A factorial randomised controlled trial of intensive versus guideline lowering of blood pressure and lipid lowering

I can confirm that this research proposal has been discussed with the Chief Investigator and agreement to sponsor the research is in place.

An appropriate process of scientific critique has demonstrated that this research proposal is worthwhile and of high scientific quality.*

Any necessary indemnity or insurance arrangements will be in place before this research starts. Arrangements will be in place before the study starts for the research team to access resources and support to deliver the research as proposed.

Arrangements to allocate responsibilities for the management, monitoring and reporting of the research will be in place before the research starts.

The duties of sponsors set out in the NHS Research Governance Framework for Health and Social Care will be undertaken in relation to this research.**

* Not applicable to student research (except doctoral research).

** Not applicable to research outside the scope of the Research Governance Framework.

Yours faithfully

Paul Cartledge

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