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Dear Dr Salman,

Re: The Scottish Intracranial Vascular Malformation Study (SIVMS)

The Brain and Spine Foundation has been following with interest the work of the SIVM study.

The Foundation regularly gives information and support to patients with vascular malformations of the brain and appreciates the importance of audit and research in this area, both of which are embodied in the nationwide disease register of the SIVMS.

No-one else in the world is running such a prospective nationwide disease register for all of these conditions, which are an important cause of intracranial haemorrhage, epilepsy and chronic disability.

As an organisation whose purposes include a reduction in neurological disability through the channelling increased resources into neurology, The Brain and Spine Foundation lends its support and endorsement to the future of SIVMS, specifically the role of the disease register as a nationwide clinical audit project. We see the evaluation of clinical services as essential to lead to their improvement and to deliver services of maximum benefit to the patient.

Yours sincerely,



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