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Dear Dr. Horton,

RE: PACE TRIAL - INDEPENDENT REVIEW REQUEST

On November 13, 2015 and February 10, 2016 two open letters were sent to you by Dr. Vincent R. Racaniello. These letters both request that The Lancet commission an independent review of the 2011 article "Comparison of adaptive pacing therapy, cognitive behaviour therapy, graded exercise therapy, and specialist medical care for chronic fatigue syndrome (PACE): a randomized trial".

The three Dutch ME and CFS patient organizations, ME/CVS Stichting Nederland, ME/cvs Vereniging and Steungroep ME en Arbeidsongeschiktheid, share the concerns expressed in these letters. We believe it is in the best interests of patients, including those in the Netherlands who we represent, for there to be no question regarding the quality of this article, or the conclusions reached by the authors.

We add our voices to those of Dr. Racaniello and the other highly regarded signatories in requesting you commission a fully independent review of the study.

Sincerely,

The collaborating patient organizations

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