SPAN:15Nov20 Weekly Update

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Dear Spanners,

We had our best week ever—54 enrollments. This is fantastic. Also this week, I include our first "control chart". This is a QA chart that graphs your median stroke lesion volume using a "rolling average" approach. The control limits reflect the range of lesion volumes see in the pilot study, but the control limits evolve over time as well. We hope this helps each site follow your ongoing performance. The QA chart fires an alert only if a site remains outside the control limits for more than one week. Please give feedback on the chart, and whether you would like more, e.g., the corner test.

Last week we also witnessed considerable inter-site support. Some of you provided anonymous feedback on some of the behavioral videos. Sites heard that feedback, and in one case re-built the testing apparatus based on the comments you gave. Again, its all anonymous, so we cannot say too much more, but it was a terrific example of SPAN cooperation and mutual support.

Finally, I do have to report on some further mistakes with regards to data entry. I will speak more with the PIs, but suffice to say, I ask that everyone take care when entering data. Also, when reading the animal ID and the vial ID numbers. Pay very close attention and double check you are giving the correct drug vial to the correct animal; that you have correctly labeled the MRI scans you are uploading; and correctly naming the video files.

I hope this week goes well for everyone,

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