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Dear Peter and Martin

RECOVERY trial DMC report

Thank you for the note informing me about the decision by the REMAP CAP to suspend recruitment in the oseltamivir comparisons in the trial. Since I received your email, the following have occurred:

1. **Meeting with REMAP CAP DSMB.** After a confidential discussion on 25th March by teleconference with the Chair and Statistician of REMAP CAP, it was agreed that, until the REMAP CAP team had completed further detailed analyses and were able to make a definitive public announcement, the available data did not support the case to suspend recruitment in RECOVERY.
2. **Review of the current RECOVERY data (data freeze 23/3/26) and relevant external data.** Based on the latest information from the case report forms (but not updated record linkage), the oseltamivir vs control comparison in RECOVERY included 451 patients. The systematic review by Gao *et al.* Lancet 2026 provided only weak evidence on the effects of oseltamivir on mortality, based on 74 patients.
3. **Decision by the DMC.** Taken together with the available external evidence, after consultation with the DMC, we agreed there was no cogent reason to suspend recruitment to oseltamivir in RECOVERY. If further information is made public by REMAP CAP, this decision may need to be reviewed. There will be a meeting of the full DMC on 28th May.

Yours sincerely

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