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Dear Dr. Hanley:

I am writing to confirm that the NINDS-appointed Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) for the CLEAR III trial met in Washington, DC on October 19, 2011 to review the latest data from the study. The DSMB found no issues of concern regarding safety or study implementation and thus recommended the study proceed as planned.

The DSMB will meet by teleconference in June 2012 to conduct its next detailed data review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter R. Gilbert".

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