

Thank you again for taking part in a focus group as part of the Core Outcomes for Dementia project. Discussing the measures used during clinical trials with you was very helpful and your thoughts and ideas will make a hugely valuable contribution to the final report.

As discussed after your meeting, I would like to ask for your advice on the report we will be submitting in two weeks, summarising our discussions. This will be presented at a conference with the co-applicants from the study to ensure that your views are included in the final recommendations for future trial design. The aim of the conference is to produce a list of 'core' outcomes, to be adopted by all future trials. It is important to ensure that this list is feasible and acceptable to people with dementia. So, I would particularly like to know what you think of the package of measures we have suggested at the bottom of p3, and how often you think the combined measures could be taken (e.g. all tests during one day a year or different tests every few weeks).

If you would be willing to help in this stage of the project, please read the attached report and send me your answers to the following questions by next **Wednesday 30th March**. I am sorry to give such a short time, this is because we need to finalise the report before the conference, which is taking place the following week.

1. Do you agree that biological measures are the main core outcome measure for dementia? If not, please suggest which measure you prefer.
2. Do you agree that a potential combination of measures should include biological, cognitive and behavioural tests?
3. Are there any other combinations of tests that would be feasible for people with dementia? Are there any measures that should not be used together?
4. Do you have any other comments on this report?

Many thanks again for participating in this project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.