

Dear Eloise

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Assessment Report (in particular, the technical content thereof) for the above appraisal.

I wish to confirm that the Department of Health has no substantive comments to make, regarding this consultation. However, our main concern is that the authors seem to have found the few trials that exist in this field, and have pointed out that they contain small numbers of very highly selected patients, are underpowered for many outcome measures, and have relatively short term follow-up.

Many thanks and best wishes



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