

On Tuesday, 7 July 2015, 6:28, "Jureidini, Jon (Health)" <Jon.Jureidini@sa.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Dr Godlee

Thank you for replying so promptly to yesterday's letter. However your response did not address some of our major concerns.

How do you intend to resolve the inevitable differences of judgment that will arise in the checking process? What will be the mechanism for adjudicating whether any difference is problematic?

How will you ensure that the data you receive from GSK will be identical to the data we have seen?

We cannot see a way through these problems. As a result we fear that there will be further unacceptable delay in the publication of our paper.

If you do have a mechanism for addressing these concerns, we need from you a clear time line to implement that mechanism, not just reassurance that it 'could be done quite quickly'.

Finally, how can we be assured that that if this issue is resolved, BMJ will not find another issue that delays a clear final decision about acceptance or rejection?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Jon