



Dr Yan Vlasov  
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### **European cost of illness study**

Dear Dr Vlasov,

In the name of all involved in this large venture – EMSP, BiogenIdec USA, Optum-Mapi Sweden and European Health Economics France - I would like to express our sincerest gratitude for the collaboration we had with the Russian MS Society, and in particular with Pavel Zlobin. Working with him has been a great pleasure, both from a professional as well as a personal point of view.

Russia being such a large and diverse country, a study of this type is by definition difficult. Pavel and his colleagues did everything possible to support the study, refusing any remuneration, and we have indeed succeeded to have the survey running on the patient forum.

Unfortunately the answer rate was lower than expected and the majority of the data in the study will thus come from Prof Boyko's clinic. Nevertheless, we will share the results of the study with you as soon as they become available.

According to our agreement with EMSP, the database (including the Russian patients) will be owned by EMSP and its members. Thus, your organisation will have access to these data also in the future.

Again, our sincerest thanks and kindest regards.

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