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Dear Dr Boysen

Re: Multiple Technology Appraisal (MTA) - Implantable cardioverter defibrillators for the treatment of arrhythmias and cardiac resynchronisation therapy for the treatment of heart failure (review of TA95 and TA120) [ID481] – Assessment Report

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) plays a leading role in the delivery of high quality patient care by setting standards of medical practice and promoting clinical excellence. We provide physicians in the United Kingdom and overseas with education, training and support throughout their careers. As an independent body representing over 28,000 Fellows and Members worldwide, we advise and work with government, the public, patients and other professions to improve health and healthcare.

The RCP is grateful for the opportunity to respond to the above Assessment Report. We are concerned that relevant experts (in particular from the British Society for Heart Failure) feel that the assessment does not accurately reflect important clinical and technical issues.

Yours sincerely

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Registrar