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Dear Dr Longson

Thank you for your letter relating to the Clinical Effectiveness and Cost Effectiveness of Strontium Ranelate for the prevention of osteoporotic fragility fractures in post menopausal women.

Having reviewed your report, on behalf of the British Menopause Society, we regard Strontium Ranelate as clinically effective in the prevention of osteoporotic fractures. Its use is cost effective and is an alternative to situations where Bisphosphonates may be inappropriate or contra-indicated.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Mander FCROG On behalf of the British Menopause Society