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Date: December 13, 2020

Re: Lara Rous
DOB: 9-27-18

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for sending Lara's video and medical information for evaluation for selective dorsal rhizotomy surgery. We have reviewed the video and information and feel that she shows the same typical signs of spastic diplegia as many other children who have benefited greatly from the selective dorsal rhizotomy. We have seen consistent improvement in children very similar to her.

We feel that Lara is an excellent candidate for the rhizotomy surgery. Her hip and spine x-rays are unremarkable. Her brain MRI shows bilateral PVL. If she has the surgery we expect the following improvements.

- Her spasticity will be permanently reduced.
- Her sitting and standing postures will improve.
- Her transitions between postures will be easier and faster.
- Her balance and level of comfort will improve.
- Lara has potential for independent ambulation with evidence of voluntary foot movements.
Further clinical assessment is needed.

For all of the reasons mentioned above, we feel that Lara is an excellent candidate for the rhizotomy surgery and that the permanent reduction in abnormal muscle tone will help her significantly. We strongly recommend that she have the rhizotomy surgery.

Sincerely,

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