

APPENDIX D

Local Hospital Letterhead

GP LETTER

Dear Doctor

Your patient with sickle cell disease volunteers a history of **stuttering priapism** (a self limiting episode of penile erection lasting up to 4 hours which tends to be recurrent) and has asked to be considered for entry into a international multi-centre randomised trial, comparing a placebo with two drugs, Ephedrine and Etilephrine. This will involve male patients from the ages of 12 to 65 years. The drugs are to be taken at nighttime and we expect them to have very little or no side effects. There are four arms and your patient has been assigned to Patients will be reviewed every six weeks at the study centre and they can withdraw at any time without giving an explanation. Your patient has been given an information sheet before registration.

If you require any further information, please contactyour local investigator or the Chief Investigator, Dr Ade Olujohungbe, tel: 0151-529-2837.

Yours faithfully