

Correo de Paco a ERS:

Dear Moniek, thanks for your e-mail. Let me summarize what are we doing in terms of monitoring data. As you know, our National Office is getting in touch on a weekly base with Local Investigators to ask them to solve inconsistencies, missing, outliers, etc that we find after systematically scanning the database with a SAS code (see the word file attached), and, by the way, encouraging them to be updated with their work. Several weeks ago we detected the following: (i) you sent our Local Investigators data for correction without telling us, (ii) our local investigators sent back to Marta the information requested bypassing us. So we duplicated our request for work with the consequence of getting our Local Investigators somewhat mad at us (I mean, the Spanish and the European monitoring office). So let me tell you that I'm quite happy intermediating between the European and the national monitoring office. This will be a lot more efficient. The National monitoring office will send you the information requested next Monday. Warmest, Paco.

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Dear Paco, Thank you for the explanation. This makes us more aware of the method/process you use to monitor. We are just trying to fulfill the huge task of completing the International database cleaning. Bringing National Experts in the loop during this process not always works efficient, which leaves us up to contacting National Investigators directly. But I can understand your concerns. To avoid further double work, we will not contact any of the Spanish National Investigators from now on and leave it up to your responsibility. We will continue contacting National Investigators from other countries directly as we have experienced that none of the National Experts/countries is monitoring the data collection like you do. Unfortunately we cannot work with the SAS code. Therefore, I still would like you and José to provide us with the short description document of inconsistent values (Word) to check the exported Excel files. Thank you very much. Best, Moniek.