

## APPENDIX 1

Questionnaire: 'Treatment Options in Idiopathic Focal Epilepsies- Practice Survey' (root questions\*)

1. What age range of patients do you mostly see?
2. How many new diagnoses of RE (PS) do you make each month?
3. If you see <1 RE (PS) case each month, how many patients with RE (PS) do you see per year?
4. Please estimate the proportion of patients under your care with RE (PS) who are never treated with regular AEDs, i.e. who at no time in the course of their epilepsy receive regular AEDs?
5. Rate these factors that may influence your decision not to use AED treatment in RE (PS)?
6. How often do you order these investigations in newly diagnosed RE (PS)? (a) EEG; (b) MRI; (c) Neuropsychological assessment.
7. Read the following outlines of randomised controlled trial designs in RE (PS). How likely are you to recruit patients to each RCT? (a) No active treatment vs active treatment after 1-2 seizures in 6 months; (b) same as (a) but  $\geq 3$  seizures; (c) placebo vs active after  $\geq 3$  seizures in 6 months; (d) two active treatments after  $\geq 3$  seizures in 6 months.
8. If you might recruit patients to a RCT of RE (PS) in which there is an active treatment, what is your preferred active treatment?
9. Would the inclusion of CARBAMAZEPINE deter you from recruiting patients to a trial in RE (PS)?
10. Are there any AEDs that you would NOT randomise to in RE (PS)?
11. What are your preferred OLDER AED treatments for RE (PS)?
12. What are your preferred NEWER AED treatments in RE (PS)?
13. Indicate ONE preferred primary and ONE preferred secondary outcome for a RCT in RE (PS). (a) Seizure remission; (b) 50% seizure reduction; (c) learning, concentration or memory impairment; (d) reduction in EEG spikes; (e) adverse effects incidence; (f) behavioural rating; (g) parental adjustment to diagnosis; (h) broad quality of life measure.
14. Your Gender:
15. Your Age:
16. Specialty
17. Country in which you practice
18. Seniority

\*A full version of the questionnaire is available on request from the senior author