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Response to Letter by Tsuda

Response:

Dr Tsuda raises a very important issue. Indeed, hormonal differences could interfere with rehabilitation outcome and could explain, at least partly, the gender difference that we observed. In fact, it was reported that testosterone replacement during rehabilitation may improve functional outcome in males.¹ Moreover, in a study by Sipski and coworkers on the rehabilitation after spinal cord injury, men tended to do better functionally than women at time of discharge from rehabilitation.² A study of the effects of estrogen and testosterone levels on neurological recovery and the related effects of gender on functional potential is underway in our group.

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