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Dear Sir,

Informed Consent Statement

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My department has a long history of carrying out retrospective observational studies based on samples collected as part of routine medical care and with no feedback into patient care (see Appendix 1). In line with national guidelines in the UK ethics committee approval is not required for this type of study (as a retrospective analysis of a previously investigated clinical cohort) according to the UK National Research Ethics Service (<http://www.nres.nhs.uk/applications/is-your-project-research>). As a retrospective analysis informed consent is not required.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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Appendix 1

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