

To

Prof. Kam Lun Ellis Hon, MBBS, MD, Professor

Editor-in-chief

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of myself and co-authors, I am writing to confirm that we performed a study titled "Implementation of a nurse-led protocol for early extubation after cardiac surgery: a pilot study.", of which I am the Corresponding author.

This study was performed as "quality improvement initiative". The Ethical Research Committee was informally contacted and they confirmed that authorization and consent were not required.

Therefore we are submitting the manuscript "Implementation of a nurse-led protocol for early extubation after cardiac surgery: a pilot study." with no need of formal authorization.

Best regards,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Filippo Sanfilippo', written over a horizontal line.