

To Whom It May Concern,

The retrospective study that is presented in the paper '*Should we resect colorectal cancer in patients over the age of 85?*' was reviewed by the hospital ethics committee.

The study was determined to be low risk and patient consent forms were deemed not required. A waiver of consent was approved for this study.

This is stated within the ethics approval document that has also been attached to this submission.

Kind regards

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

Dr David Flynn