

In the United Kingdom all transplant candidates are consented for both treatment and research purpose at the time of activation on the national kidney transplant waiting list as per NHS-BT. Therefore, no specific written documents regarding the present study are actually available. According to Barts Health NHS Trust General Data Protection Act, General Data Protection and Regulation 2016, and Data Protection Act 2018 all subjects enrolled into the study were already aware that their anonymized data including viral status as well as other biomedical parameters would have been used for research purpose. Patients who did not want their personal information to be used for planning and research were given the possibility to express their preference under National Data Opt-out Programme. This topic is also clearly discussed in the title page and in the methods section of the paper.

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