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**Gastric endoscopic submucosal dissection as a treatment for early neoplasia and for accurate staging of early cancers in a UK Caucasian population**

**Aisha Sooltangos, Matthew Davenport, Stephen McGrath, Jonathan Vickers, Siba Senapati, Kurshid Akhtar, Regi George, Yeng Ang**

**Institutional Review Board Statement:** The study was reviewed and approved by Dr Clare Omerod, Head of Clinical Governance, under the category of Clinical Practice (Audit and Service Improvement).

Sincerely,



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Dear editors,

**Ref: Endoscopic resection for early gastric neoplasia**

This letter is to confirm that the work done and presented in this manuscript is under 'audit and service improvement' section of our directorate and as such no research ethical approval is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Omerod", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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