Dear [Name],

To whom it may concern,

RE: Outcomes of elective cancer surgery during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis: an international, multicentre, observational cohort study (CovidSurg-Cancer)

Liverpool University Foundation NHS Trust R&D have reviewed the above protocol and support it for immediate green light in the trust, recognising it addresses a highly current and contentious issue as to the benefit and risk to patients eligible for cancer surgery in the COVID era. Specifically, it has been found low to zero risk as data is anonymised and therefore it does not require formal ethical approvals and can be dealt with as per a service improvement study.

Yours sincerely,

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