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Title **Evaluation of COVID Prevalence, Complications and Outcome in Elective and Emergency Surgery during COVID-19-Pandemic (CovidSurgUMCG).**  
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The Medical Ethics Review Board of the University Medical Center Groningen (METc UMCG) has discussed the above mentioned protocol and considered whether or not the research falls within the scope of the Medical Research Involving Human Subjects Act (WMO).

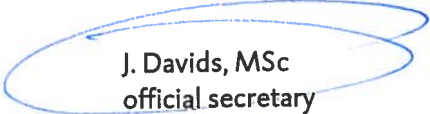
Based on the submitted documents the METc UMCG concludes that the above mentioned protocol is not a clinical research with human subjects as meant in the Medical Research Involving Human Subjects Act (WMO).

Therefore the METc UMCG has no task in reviewing the protocol and you do not need a WMO approval before you can start the research.

Please note that other legal Acts and/or guidelines, such as the Medical Treatment Agreement (WGBO), General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and codes of conduct of the FEDERA (Federation of Medical Scientific Institutions) may apply to the scientific research.

Kind regards,  
on behalf of the Medical Ethics Review Board

  
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