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Dear Dr

We write to advise that one of your patients has consented to take part in the PRoBaND Study (Parkinson's Repository of Biosamples and Networked Datasets). The Study is a 5 year prospective observational study involving neurological examination with a focus on Parkinson features, and patient questionnaires covering motor and non-motor involvement. The Study involves blood tests for gene testing for Parkinson's disease, but the results of this will be used in research purposes and will not be made available clinically (except on rare occasions where there is very young onset Parkinson's disease and/or a very strong family history of Parkinson's disease). The Study will also store serum as a biosample for future research projects aimed at identifying a biomarker for the diagnosis and progression of Parkinson's disease.

Your patient has agreed to take part in this Study –

*as a patient with a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease within the past three years

*with a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease made under the age of 50 years

*as the close relative of a patient with Parkinson's disease.

(*delete as appropriate)

For patients with Parkinson's disease, there will be visits approximately every 6 months for a 1 to 3 year period that will be combined with standard hospital visits wherever possible. For relatives of patients with Parkinson's disease, there are two visits, at baseline and three years later.

Further details about this Study are available on the website www.proband.org.uk or by contacting us, or from the coordinating centre in Glasgow. Margaret Crawford is the Study Co-ordinator, and is based at the Neurology Department, Southern General Hospital, 1345 Govan Road, Glasgow G51 4TF. Tel No: 0141 232 7846. Dr Donald Grosset is the Chief Investigator, and is also based in Glasgow. He can be contacted via Margaret Crawford.

Yours sincerely

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Designation