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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: CardiovaSCuIAr outcomes after abDominal surgery (CASCADE) study

This letter is to confirm that Dr Francesco Pata and Dr Gianluca Pellino have been appointed as Italy leads for the CASCADE study and to support ethical approval in Italian hospitals. Dr Pata and Dr Pellino can formally be considered Italian referents for CASCADE ethical approval. Ethical offices can officially consider Dr Pata and Dr Pellino as referees to obtain explanations about the study protocol.

Yours faithfully,

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On behalf of the CASCADE Study Steering Group

