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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Acute PresentatiOn of CoLorectal Cancer: an internatiOnal snapshot (APOLLO)

I am writing to confirm that “Acute PresentatiOn of CoLorectal Cancer: an internatiOnal snapshot (APOLLO)” is an observational study that does not require any changes to be made to normal patient pathways. No additional patient follow-up is required for this study and patients should have clinical follow-up as per normal practice at their hospital.

The study is coordinated by the Student Audit and Research in Surgery (STARSurg) collaborative and the European Students Research Collaborative (EuroSurg), research collaboratives based at the University of Birmingham, a public research university in the United Kingdom. The study is a non-profit observational non-interventional international cohort study that is not aimed at developing any device/drug. No funds will be transferred to collaborators or participating hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

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On behalf of the APOLLO Study Steering Group