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**RE: Global Cohort Study: Hernias, Pathway and Planetary
Outcomes for Inguinal Hernia Surgery – HIPPO study**

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to confirm that Dr Francesco Pata and Dr Gaetano Gallo have been appointed as Italy leads for the HIPPO study and to support ethical approval in Italian hospitals.

Dr Pata and Dr Gallo can formally be considered Italian referents for HIPPO study ethical approval. Ethical offices can officially consider Dr Pata and Dr Gallo as referees to obtain explanations about the study protocol.

Yours sincerely,



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