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Dear Sir

Thank you for your e-mail.

As instructed, we have now reformatted the manuscript in Times New Roman, font 12, added the grant support statement to the Acknowledgment section and included an ethics statement in the Methods section. As this ethics statement specifies, the study data are freely available subject to approval from the relevant Information Governance Review Panel. This panel includes representation from the National Research Ethics Service, the British Medical Association Ethics Advisor, the Caldicott Guardian and the NHS Wales Informatics Service.

We think that the paper would interest and appeal to the readership of BMC Gastroenterology and would be grateful if you would consider it for publication.

Yours faithfully,

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