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It is now clear that the authors recommend a further round of opt out consent for the use of irreversibly anonymized samples after the patient has refused consent for research use of the samples with reversible anonymization. While I am of the view that this weakens the ethical justification offered by the authors, they have clarified their proposal and readers will be able to make their own judgement.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.