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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: SurgWeek-2 study

I am writing to confirm that “SurgWeek-2” 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 NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Global Surgery, a research unit of 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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