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Dear Prof Rutty,

***Full title of study: Less Invasive Autopsy: A study to evaluate and compare the use of Computerized Axial Tomography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging with conventional autopsy.***

***REC reference number: 04/Q2501/64***

***Protocol number: 1, 04-Q2501-64rp040528.doc***

Thank you for your letter of 16 August 2004, responding to the Committee's request for further information on the above research.

The further information has been considered on behalf of the Committee by the *Chairman*.

### **Confirmation of ethical opinion**

On behalf of the Committee, I am pleased to confirm a favourable ethical opinion for the above research on the basis described in the application form, protocol and supporting documentation.

The favourable opinion applies to the following research site:

Site: University Hospitals of Leicester  
Principal Investigator: Prof Guy N Rutty

### **Conditions of approval**

The favourable opinion is given provided that you comply with the conditions set out in the attached document. You are advised to study the conditions carefully.

### **Approved documents**

The final list of documents reviewed and approved by the Committee is as follows:

Document Type: Application  
Version: 1, 04-Q2501-64af040528.ofd  
Dated: 27/05/2004

Date Received: 28/05/2004

Document Type: Investigator CV  
Version: 1, 04-Q2501-64cv040528.doc  
Dated: 28/05/2004  
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Document Type: Protocol  
Version: 1, 04-Q2501-64rp040528.doc  
Dated: 27/05/2004  
Date Received: 28/05/2004

Document Type: Covering Letter  
Version: 1  
Dated: 15/07/2004  
Date Received: 26/07/2004

Document Type: Participant Information Sheet  
Version: 3, Relative's Information Sheet (Hospital Cases), 04-Q2501-64is-p(1)040816.doc  
Dated: 16/08/2004  
Date Received: 16/08/2004

Document Type: Participant Information Sheet  
Version: 3, Relative's Information Sheet (Coroner's Cases), 04-Q2501-64is-p(2)040816.doc  
Dated: 16/08/2004  
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Document Type: Participant Consent Form  
Version: 3, Relative's Information Sheet (Hospital Cases), 04-Q2501-64is-p(1)040816.doc  
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Document Type: Participant Consent Form  
Version: 3, Relative's Information Sheet (Coroner's Cases), 04-Q2501-64is-p(2)040816.doc  
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Document Type: Response to Request for Further Information  
Version: 1  
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Document Type: Other  
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### **Management approval**

The study may not commence until final management approval has been confirmed by the organisation hosting the research.

All researchers and research collaborators who will be participating in the research must obtain management approval from the relevant host organisation before commencing any research procedures. Where a substantive contract is not held with the host organisation, it

may be necessary for an honorary contract to be issued before approval for the research can be given.

**Notification of other bodies**

We shall notify the research sponsor, University Hospitals of Leicester and the Medicines and Health-Care Products Regulatory Agency that the study has a favourable ethical opinion.

**Statement of compliance (from 1 May 2004)**

The Committee is constituted in accordance with the Governance Arrangements for Research Ethics Committees (July 2001) and complies fully with the Standard Operating Procedures for Research Ethics Committees in the UK.

**REC reference number: 04/Q2501/64 Please quote this number on all correspondence**

Yours sincerely,



**Dr Carl Edwards**  
**Chairman**

*Enclosures*    *Standard approval conditions [SL-AC1 or SL-AC2]*