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Dear Professor Barnes

**European Coronavirus (COVID-19) in liver disease reporting registry**

Clinical Audit Ref: OUH5595

This letter is to confirm that the work referenced above has been reviewed by the Joint Research Office study classification group.

It was determined that the activity described is best understood as audit. As such, it is not subject to the Department of Health's *UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research* (2017). It requires neither sponsorship nor research ethics review.

This opinion can be reviewed by reference to the HRA's algorithm, available at <http://www.hra-decisiontools.org.uk/research/> and attendant leaflet, *Defining Research*, or by reference to The Health Care Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)'s *Guide for Clinical Audit, Research and Service review*.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Copy to: Ms Jo Franklin, Research Governance Manager, OUH NHS Foundation Trust