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[INSERT DATE]

Study Title: Improving outcomes from the treatment of back pain

Dear [INSERT NAME]

We have successfully obtained funding from the National Institute for Health Research for a programme grant on the management of low back pain. One aspect of this programme is to develop a pooled database of the original data from randomised controlled trials of therapist delivered interventions for low back pain.

The overall aim of our programme grant is to improve the clinical and cost-effectiveness of low back pain treatment by providing patients, their clinical advisors, and health service purchasers with better information about which patients are most likely to benefit from which treatment choices.

By developing this repository of original patient data we hope to conduct pooled secondary analyses. This will help us to determine which patient characteristics, if any, predict clinical response to different treatments for low back pain and/or predict the most cost-effective treatments for low back pain.

We would be very grateful if you would consider sharing the data from your [INSERT STUDY] trial for this important study. If you have any questions or you are interested in sharing this data with us please could you email repository@warwick.ac.uk in the first instance.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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