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Dear Sir/Madam,

Research Study Invite

Microchip-based Lab-on-Chip system for detection of genetic biomarkers of colorectal cancer in blood or stool

We are running a study to test whether a Microchip-based Lab-on-Chip system can detect genetic markers of colorectal cancer in blood or stool. We are hoping that this non-invasive test will help diagnose colorectal cancer faster and guide patient treatment.

We have enclosed a patient information sheet about the study and would like to invite you to take part. You may already have been telephoned by one of the researchers.

1. If you wish to take part in the study please initial, sign and date the enclosed consent form. There will be a prepaid envelope for you to return your consent form to us (**addressed to Amy Sigurdsson, Secretary to Dr Simillis**). If you have agreed to complete the consent form electronically, a QR code will be provided with instructions on how to complete this on REDCap.
2. For the faecal test, we have enclosed the faecal test kit with full instructions. Please complete and return in the pre-printed envelope (**addressed to Clinical Trials Unit Cambridge University Hospitals**). Please return the attached request form which will have been completed for you in the same envelope as the sample.
3. The faecal test can be sent by post as above or can be brought to hospital when you can to hospital for any reason.
4. Also, when you come to hospital for any reason, arrangements will be made to have a simple routine blood test. You do not have to be fasted for this blood test

Participation in the study is completely voluntary. Please be assured that your decision about whether or not to take part in this study will not affect the care you receive. Importantly, if you have any concerns about your health or your NHS care then please discuss this with your GP.

If you have any questions about participation, then please feel free to contact the study team by email at c.simillis@nhs.net or the secretary to the chief investigator on (01223) 348219.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Simillis', is displayed within a light gray rectangular box.

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