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Thank you for agreeing and consenting to participate in the Biologics for Children with Rheumatic Diseases Study (BCRD). This project aims to study the course of children and young people with arthritis to help us understand why arthritis presents the way it does as well as the response to treatment.

You consented to provide a blood or saliva sample for the study; it has been decided by the research team at ***(Hospital name)*** to collect a saliva sample from each participant in place of a blood sample.

We have enclosed instructions on how to provide a saliva sample; please read them carefully. Please return the sample in the stamped address packaging provided as soon as possible after filling the pot.

If you have any questions with regards to the saliva sample or any aspect of the study, please contact myself or Katy Mowbray, Study Co-ordinator, on [katy.mowbray@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:katy.mowbray@manchester.ac.uk).

Yours sincerely,

*(Research Nurse)*