

# National Research Ethics Service

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Dear Dr Sutton

**Study title:** BILAG Biologics Prospective Cohort: The Use of Novel Biological Therapies in the Treatment of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE). (Lay title: Long-term Safety of New Biologic Treatments in the Management of SLE)

**REC reference:** 09/H1014/64

**Amendment number:** Minor Amendment 5

**Amendment date:** 21 October 2010

- Addition of cover letter to accompany the questionnaire.

Thank you for your letter of 21 October 2010, notifying the Committee of the above amendment.

The amendment has been considered by the Chair.

The Committee does not consider this to be a “substantial amendment” as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures for Research Ethics Committees. The amendment does not therefore require an ethical opinion from the Committee and may be implemented immediately, provided that it does not affect the approval for the research given by the R&D office for the relevant NHS care organisation.

### Documents received

The documents received were as follows:

Document	Version	Date
Covering letter for questionnaire	1	21 October 2010

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Notification of a Minor Amendment	21 October 2010
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### Statement of compliance

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.

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Yours sincerely



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