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Dear

**THE BILAG BIOLOGICS PROSPECTIVE COHORT: LONG-TERM SAFETY OF NEW TREATMENTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF SLE**

I am writing to you because you have recently started, or are about to start either a biological therapy (usually and injection or infusion) or a standard therapy for your lupus and may be suitable for a research study.

We are currently conducting a research study to investigate whether biologic therapies have any side effects when used in the “real world”, compared to standard therapies. I have enclosed an information sheet about this study. If you are interested in taking part please could you contact us on the phone number below, or bring the form to your next appointment so that we can explain it in more detail. The choice is yours as to whether you decide to take part or not. If you decide not to take part this would not interfere in any way with your treatment.

If all your questions have been answered by the enclosed information and you would like to take part you may simply sign the enclosed form and return it. If you would like to discuss the study further before please phone [XXX] or discuss it with your doctor at your next appointment.

Yours sincerely

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