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Dear Professor Horby,

<b>Study title:</b>	<b>Randomised Evaluation of COVID-19 Therapy (RECOVERY)</b>
<b>REC reference:</b>	<b>20/EE/0101</b>
<b>EudraCT number:</b>	<b>2020-001113-21</b>
<b>IRAS project ID:</b>	<b>281712</b>

Thank you for your enquiry seeking clarity regarding the inclusion of prisoners who otherwise meet all inclusion criteria for the RECOVERY trial (including hospitalisation) and are being treated at a RECOVERY trial site.

As this group are being identified and recruited by virtue of their status as NHS patients who meet the inclusion criteria and not in relation to their status as prisoners no further formal approval is required for this group to be recruited as per the Governance Arrangements for Research Ethics Committees (GAfREC 2.3.5).

Therefore please take this letter as confirmation that patients who meet all inclusion criteria for the RECOVERY trial (including hospitalisation) and are being treated at a RECOVERY trial site but who also happen to be prisoners are eligible to be recruited into the study.

Yours sincerely

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