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<Insert GP name and address>

<Date>

Dear Doctor *Name*

Short trial title: REACT-AVB

Full trial title: Randomised controlled trial of EArly transjugular intrahepatiC porTosystemic stent-shunt in Acute Variceal Bleeding.

NHS number: <insert > **DoB:** < insert > **Trial Number:** < insert >

I am writing to inform you that your patient has consented to take part in the REACT-AVB trial.

The REACT_AVB trial is a pragmatic multicentre, randomised controlled open-label superiority two arm parallel group trial with an internal pilot.

The aim is to investigate the clinical and cost-effectiveness of early TIPSS versus endoscopic plus pharmacological therapy in patients with cirrhosis and acute variceal bleeding after initial control of bleeding by VBL.

All patients will receive standard of care (SOC) for initial control of bleeding consisting of resuscitation, endoscopic therapy within 24h of admission with variceal bleed, vasoactive drugs, and antibiotics. They then are randomised (after obtaining consent) to either continue receiving SOC or the intervention, known as Early TIPSS (within 4 calendar days of diagnostic endoscopy).

Your patient has been allocated to receive: SOC ☐ Early TIPSS ☐

We will follow the patient's progress of recovery for 12 months. You can find more detailed information about the trial, on our trial website www.birmingham.ac.uk/react-avb

If you have any questions or would like more information then please contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

<Insert local contact name>
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