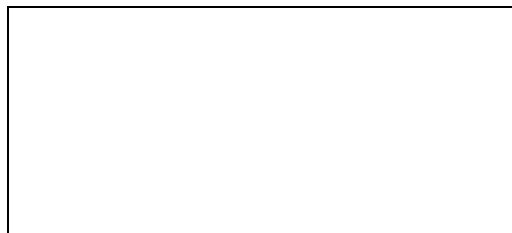


Date _____

Dear Dr,



Your patient has agreed to take part in a randomised clinical trial comparing the use of rituximab (B cell depletion) and anti-TNF therapy in rheumatoid arthritis. The patient has been allocated to:

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As part of the study the patient *has/has not* (delete as appropriate) undergone a synovial biopsy. The patient will be attending the rheumatology department throughout the trial, and will receive their study drugs directly from the department or by home delivery. We would be very grateful if you would continue to prescribe and monitor their other medication, as before. You will be sent regular reports on the patient but please don't hesitate to contact the department if you have any queries.

If your patient develops an infection please treat this promptly as some infections progress rapidly in patients on these types of therapy.

Many thanks,

Consultant Rheumatologist

Contact details: