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**The UK PSC Study**

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Our reference: [X]

[Patient first name] [Patient last name]  
[Patient address 1]  
[Patient address 2]  
[Patient city] [Patient post-code]

Dear [patient]

Thank you for participating in the **UK-PSC Study**.

When you first joined the study, you provided us with a sample of saliva or blood for extraction of DNA. We have included your DNA sample in genetics experiments that have identified or confirmed many genetic regions involved in causing PSC.

Over 2000 PSC patients have joined the study to date and we have recently expanded the scope of our work, to include children with autoimmune liver disease, and to undertake further research into the causes and progression of these diseases.

We now wish to undertake further genetics experiments, and for this we would be grateful if you could **provide a blood sample** for DNA extraction (18mls, 2 tubes). To donate this, please take this pack to your next clinic appointment and show it to your doctor. He or she will arrange for the blood sample to be taken at the same time as your routine blood tests. Alternatively you can have your sample taken by your GP.

We would also be grateful if you could complete the enclosed **Participant Questionnaire**, to update your health information.

Please place the blood tubes into the plastic container, seal the containers in the safety bag and then return the samples to us in the freepost envelope provided, along with your completed questionnaire. Please return these to the Cambridge research office, using the freepost padded envelope.



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If you have any questions, please contact the **UK PSC team** (ukpsc@uhb.nhs.uk;  
Tel: 0121 371 8101) or visit the study website [www.uk-psc.com](http://www.uk-psc.com).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Palak Trivedi".

Dr Palak Trivedi  
**Chief Investigator**