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Dear Mrs Escher,

The Medical Ethics Committee Erasmus MC (i.e. Institutional Review Board of the University Medical Center Rotterdam) in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, acknowledges the receipt of your e-mail dated 16 March 2004 regarding the research proposal: 'ESPGHAN Paediatric IBD Porto Criteria Registry', MEC 2004-108.

We have discussed your request in the meeting of the daily board of the committee (i.e. chairman and secretary) on 19 March 2004.

The research proposal concerns no more than filling in a datasheet for each new IBD patient. The data recorded are anonymised and will be used only to record the work-up and some disease characteristics in every new patient. Since no patients are subjected to a treatment or are required to behave in a certain manner, this proposal does not require a full review by the Medical Ethics Committee according to the WMO (Medical Research Involving Human Subjects Act).

Therefore, the Committee only has checked to proposal in terms of completeness and the protection of the privacy of the participating subjects. The processing of personal data is also regulated by the *Personal Data Protection Act* (Wbp).

I hereby declare, on behalf of the Medical Ethics Committee, that the committee has no objections to the execution of this research proposal.

Sincerely,
on behalf of the Medical Ethics Committee of Erasmus MC
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