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Dear Fellow members of BSPAR

The Steering Committee (SC) of the Juvenile Dermatomyositis Cohort Biomarker Study and Repository (UK and Ireland) are looking for a new member. For information about the cohort please visit [www.juveniledermatomyositis.org.uk](http://www.juveniledermatomyositis.org.uk).

The remit of the SC is to ensure that the study operates efficiently and in accordance with legal and ethical requirements. The SC considers all research applications (when individuals or collaborative research groups apply to the committee to use the clinical data or biological samples collected) to carry out research into JDM, discusses data protection and ethical issues which are relevant to the cohort. It also discusses funding options and applications.

The committee consists of Mr Ian Roberts (Chairperson), Dr Clarissa Pilkington (Clinical Research Lead for the JDRC), Dr Paquita Dezulueta (ethics specialist), Dr Harsha Gunawardena (scientific advisor), Mrs Debbie Adler (lay representative), Professor Lucy Wedderburn (Chief Investigator) and Dr Liza McCann (JDM Topic Specific Group representative).

The individual should be a Paediatric Rheumatologist in a tenured post, have an interest in JDM and in research. The role involves twice yearly meetings of the Steering Committee, usually at the Institute of Child Health in London. Along with the other SC members, the member will scrutinise applications to use the cohort data and samples, to encourage their best possible usage to further our knowledge and understanding of JDM, as well as to review the progress of ongoing studies and their eventual results.

If you are interested in this position, or would like to know more about it please contact Katie Arnold, at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr. Ian Roberts**

*Chair Juvenile Dermatomyositis Cohort Biomarker Study and Repository (UK and Ireland)*

*Care of: Miss Katie Arnold*

*Administrator, Juvenile Dermatomyositis Cohort Biomarker Study and Repository (UK and Ireland)*