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Dear Professor Kaye and team

**Visit to the Centre for Health, Law and Emerging Technologies (HeLEX)
University of Oxford
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I am writing to thank you for hosting me at HeLEX back in September during my PhD project *The Phenotypic Expression of Neuropsychiatric Copy Number Variants*. I would also like to acknowledge the Wellcome Trust who supported my visit via my Clinical Research Training Fellowship.

The question of the return of genetic results to research participants came up during the course of my PhD project – individuals from one of our samples had been asked, during the consent process, if they wished to know about genetic results we felt were important. This brought up numerous ethical and logistical issues, and I was required to develop a process to handle the return of results, an area that was entirely new to me.

During my visit to HeLEX, I was able to present my project and have extensive discussions with multiple members of the team. Whilst I was only there a week, by the time I left, the process I had developed was much improved and I was aware of many other issues I needed to consider. Through my discussions with members of the team, I had also developed ideas for further research in this area, something I am keen to pursue.

I was especially impressed by the warm and friendly atmosphere in the department. I felt team members listened non-judgmentally, provided constructive advice and seemed genuinely pleased to have to visit someone from a different field.

Thank you very much



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