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Dear Mr Black,

We are writing to invite you to participate in the ASCEND research study of the prevention of heart attacks and strokes in people with diabetes. You may remember [Mrs White] talking to you about this, and, with your permission, [she/he] passed your name and address on to us. The purpose of this national study is to assess whether aspirin and/or naturally-occurring oils are useful for preventing heart attacks and strokes in people with diabetes who have not had circulatory problems.

Please read the enclosed Information Leaflet entitled "ASCEND: Invitation to join a large medical research project". We hope you will decide to take part in this study and, if so, would be most grateful if you could complete the attached questionnaire. If you have any questions regarding the study you may telephone the study co-ordinating centre on Freefone 0800 585323 and speak to a study nurse or doctor.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely



Dr Jane Armitage



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