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Dear Mr «sname»

A study on health and alcohol

We would like your help with a research study. A group of researchers is doing a study about health and alcohol consumption among men aged 35 – 64 years who are overweight. They are doing this because some men in this group drink in ways that are harmful to their health. The researchers want to identify ways to encourage people to reduce the frequency of drinking at harmful levels. The enclosed information sheet tells you more about the study.

If you are interested in taking part in the study a researcher will get in touch with you by telephone. You will be asked some questions and if you are eligible to take part, they will ask you to attend for an interview at a venue of your choice. Five months after the first appointment, the researcher will get in touch again by telephone to arrange another interview. Both of these meetings will be fairly brief. You will receive gift vouchers to thank you for taking part in the study and travel expenses for attending.

Please read the enclosed information sheet carefully. If you do not wish to take part, please return the enclosed card. However, if you are interested in taking part, or if you would like to find out more about the study, you do not have to do anything at this stage. If you do not return the card I will give your name to Dr <name>, the researcher working on the study. She will contact you within the next two weeks to discuss the study. For further information you can speak to Dr <name> on <phone number> or email her at <email>.

Thank you for your help

Yours sincerely

(GP name)