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re: Professor Sir David Hull's letter and the investigation of bowel disorder in children
with autistic spectrum disorder

I have had concerns about the ethics of this research from the inception, particularly the issue
of gaining informed consent from the children and also the invasive and extensive nature of
the investigations. I am surprised that the research is continuing after the MRC's report on
the MMR meeting.

I understand that the protocol being followed has not been assessed by any outside
independent body and think we should take up Sir David's suggestion of submitting it to the
Ethical Committee of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Yours sincerely

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